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LOCAL FIRM'S NOTABLE HISTORY.

PIONEERS OF EARLY DAYS.



The Late Mr. T. A. Lane.

Yesterday, March 1st, was exactly seventy-five years since the founding of one of Hongkong's oldest firms—Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.,—and it is an anniversary of which they can well be proud. For the circumstances attending the origin of this well-known emporium one has to go back to the very early history of the Colony, and the story is one eloquent of the British pioneering spirit and faith in the future of Hongkong as a world mart.

This morning, to mark the occasion, there was a gathering of prominent business men at Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., when congratulatory speeches were made.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Helyar, said he felt highly honoured in being asked to propose the future prosperity of the firm. There were many in the room who could do so with much more reason, who had a more thorough knowledge of the firm and who



Late Mr. Ninian Crawford.

could perhaps do it more ably. As a business man and one who pretended to be, first and last, he was privileged to propose the toast and prosperity of a firm, which had not only survived but prospered for 75 years in Hongkong, which one might call an integral part of China. Messrs. Lane, Crawford had a record of which any British firm might well be proud. They were part of the history in the development of Hongkong. In the early days the firm catered for shipping which they gave and it was because of wise foresight that they occupied the high position which they did to-day. An additional reason why Messrs. Lane, Crawford's has prospered was that the policy of the firm, from first to last, has been one of integrity. They had always endeavoured to give service for money and have maintained

continuity of service in the same form and quality. Those in trade in China know well the need for the maintenance of quality, and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's were bound up in the history of chops and the like. It was his pleasure some 25 years ago, continued Mr. Helyar, to meet Mr. Crawford, the father of one of the present directors of the firm, and he was forcibly struck with the integrity of his business principles which stood for the best ideals in business. In the succeeding years the various partners and directors had played their part in commerce and service in community, and throughout that period, whether in emergency arising from unforeseen occurrences, they had played no small part in assisting in the needs of the Colony. They had maintained that spirit and had grown as a firm to what they were to-day. The firm were fortunate in having a staff second to none. Concluding, Mr. Helyar expressed the hope that the firm would go on from records which were great in the past to greater records in the future.

The toast was duly honoured. Mr. Shenton, replying, said:—The Hon. Mr. Helyar, ladies and gentlemen,—We regard the present occasion, as one of the landmarks in the career of our Company, and we therefore particularly appreciate the honour you are paying us by coming here to-day and joining with us in our 75th birthday Celebration. We appreciate the no small degree the very kind words which have fallen from Mr. Helyar's lips, particularly as he is so closely connected with and representative of this Colony and one who, like ourselves, has grown up with the place and whose continual desire has been to further the welfare and prosperity of this Colony. The scroll which our Chinese friends have presented us with to-day, coupled with their good wishes for the future, are most highly appreciated by us and will be greatly prized in the future. It is a material demonstration of the very kindly feelings which

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF GERMANY.

Characteristic Snapshots of Herr Ebert.



Above are seen some characteristic snapshots of the late President Ebert of Germany, whose death has just occurred. They were taken during a speech which he delivered in Berlin last year.

exist to-day and have all along existed between our Chinese friends and ourselves. It is of particular interest to us to see several representatives of institutions who like our own, have their foundations in the earliest days of this Colony and who may well describe themselves as the promoters of its trade and success. It is also worthy of note that some of such concerns still have descendants bearing the original name and working no less hard than their forebears of old. We are fortunate in this respect ourselves in the person of Mr. Frank Crawford. It is on occasions such as the present that we should reflect on the past as well as the future. As to the past, we believe our continuous growth since 1850, commencing as it did with a match store on the then water front, justifies us in believing that our efforts have been appreciated and that the public have been satisfied with the service we have given. When one considers the difficulties and hardships which must have beset the early foreign settlers in this island, one can only be lost in admiration for their pertinacity and dogged determination. They did not find this island a land flowing with milk and honey, but a barren rocky island upon which even the trees had to be planted, and the climatic conditions sought under great adverse circumstances. They had not the facilities of to-day, such as electric power, railways, motor traffic, speedy mails and cables, nor the living conditions such as a modern sanitation we now enjoy. We are fortunate to-day in possessing several valued agencies—amongst the oldest are Sir Chas. Price and Co., Birkmyre's, Canvas, Cutler Palmer and Co. (old square whisky), Lincoln and Bonnet, Mackie and Co.'s White Horse collar whisky, A. G. Spalding and Bros., and Mappin and Webb. Our progress has also been most materially assisted by our London buying agents, Messrs. Crawford, Scott & Co., in which concern Mr. H. B. Scott has represented us for over 35 years and Mr. K. F. Crawford is a son of one of our founders. As to the future, we have a still more progressive policy before us. Our present accommodation has proved insufficient and we have moved into our new quarters "The Exchange Building" when we shall be in a position to present to our customers and the public at large what we believe will be the most up-to-date departmental store in the Far East. Our business in the past has been built up and maintained not by virtue of any vested interests, but by reason of the service we have supplied to the public in general and it is on these principles that we hope to maintain and enlarge our business.

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TIGER REPORTED.

KILLS SIX BUFFALOES.

CHANCE FOR SPORTSMEN.

If local sportsmen feel inclined for some big-game hunting, the opportunity now presents itself, for the presence of a big tiger is reported from the neighbourhood of Shataukok, the border station in the New Territories.

During the past ten days or so, this beast has been very busy, for according to villagers' reports, he has killed no fewer than six buffaloes, the partly-eaten remains of which have been found in various places. The animal was last seen about seven miles from Shataukok, in Chinese territory.

Chinese villagers have seen the beast on several occasions, some of them having even chased it with bamboo poles, and as they have not succeeded in tracking it down they have gone to Shataukok Police Station asking for help in ridding the locality of the depredator.

The general opinion is that the tiger has been driven down from the hills as a result of extensive Chinese troop movements in this region, whilst large numbers of deer have also appeared in the locality, probably due to the same cause.

Sportsmen interested can get further details as to the movements of the tiger from the headman of Kok Po village, which is situated near Shataukok, and is in British territory.

NOTORIOUS SECT.

AKALI MOVEMENT ENDED?

Lahore, March 1. The Babar Akalis are being charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government, also murder and dacoity. The movement initiated by this notorious sect is now regarded as ended, with the conviction of the leaders.

A characteristic of this sect has been the wearing of black turbans and the carrying of swords. It will be recalled that a number of Akali Sikhs were deported from Shanghai last year, and that several Hongkong Sikh policemen who joined the sect were recently sent back to India.

THE AMERICAN EARTHQUAKE.

MUCH ALARM CAUSED.

New York, March 1.

One man was killed and two women were seriously injured through being shaken off the platform of an elevated railway during the earthquake shock yesterday evening, which was felt as far north as Sudbury, in Canada, and as far south as Florence, in South Carolina and as far west as Wisconsin.

The seismograph at Fordham University recorded an earth movement of one thirtieth of an inch.

The tremor was the most intense in the eastern United States since 1755. It caused great excitement in parts of New York, people rushing from their homes, pictures and crockery falling, and chairs and chandeliers away. Many big Broadway buildings were shaken, though the crowds were undisturbed.

Two hundred New Hampshire villagers proceeded to church, fearing the end of the world was coming.

An Ottawa message says the seismograph reports indicated the epicentre of the disturbance as being four hundred miles east of Ottawa, in the vicinity of the Saguenay river, in Quebec. The nearest record to this epicentre showed a quarter of an inch of movement. Many people fainting with alarm in eastern Canadian cities.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRANCE'S BUDGET.

PASSAGE OF FINANCE BILL.

Paris, March 1.

The Chamber, after an all-night sitting, passed by 328 to 239 the Finance Bill, balancing the Budget at 34,180 million francs.

M. Loucheur said the Bill imposed heavy sacrifices on the people, but they would agree thereto for the financial salvation of the country.

M. Herriot pointed out that this was the first "unified" Budget in which German payments had figured, namely 1,250 million francs for the general budget and 660 million for the armies of occupation.

TAKES ON FOOD.

The finance Bill includes import taxes on sugar of ten francs per quintal, on cocoa 61, tea 62, and rice, six francs per quintal; also on cattle or meat 22 francs per kilo, and on veal, pork, mutton and beef 11, with a reduction of one-half franc per kilo for frozen meat.—*Reuter.*

[SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".]

LONDON TO BASRA BY AIR.

TRIBUTES TO GERMAN PRESIDENT.

"MONT LAURIER" DISABLED.

London, March 1.

The *Sunday Times* learns that the Imperial Airways Company, which conducts air services to the Continent, has submitted an offer to the Air Ministry to run a regular service of aeroplanes from London to Al Kantara on the Suez Canal, and thence to Basra via Baghdad.

The Air Ministry has informed the *Sunday Times* that no scheme could be discussed until Air Marshal Sir Sefton Branker has returned from India and reports to the Government the result of his consultations there regarding the official scheme for an airship service from England to India.

his country, he embodied in his own person an institution which guaranteed the nation equally against the menace of Kupp and Putsch or the Communist outburst. The moderation and good sense of its first President have been not a little part of what internal strength the new Republic has attained, and of the unity in which Germany has survived the exceptional internal and external stresses of the past decade.

"MONT LAURIER" IN TOW.

Passengers and Mails Transferred.

London, March 1.

The Canadian Pacific liner *Mont Clare* arrived at Queens-town yesterday and took off from the disabled liner *Mont Laurier* the latter's passengers and mails. The *Mont Clare* sailed late in the evening for Canada, having on board nearly one thousand passengers and over five thousand bags of mails.

The *Mont Laurier's* commander, Captain Turnbull, was presented by several passengers with letters congratulating him on the splendid seamanship which he had displayed when his ship was returning to Queens-town disabled, and expressing appreciation for the coolness of the crew.

The *Mont Laurier* is now on her way to Liverpool in tow of two tugs.

EDUCATING GIRLS.

HONGKONG HEAD MISTRESS' VIEWS.

St. Stephen's Girls' College, which is one of the leading educational centres of the Colony, and which is doing an excellent work in fostering Anglo-Chinese amity, held its annual presentation of certificates this afternoon, the ceremony being performed by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.).

The Principal (Miss E. Middleton Smith) presented a most satisfactory report, in the course of which she referred to the successes gained by pupils in Matriculation and other examinations during the year. She stated that on all sides the work of the College had been somewhat cramped and hindered for want of space, and it was with great regret that they had almost daily to tell girls who wished to enter the College that there was no room. Behind all the school activities there had been the influence of a loyal and painstaking staff. "No words of mine," said the Principal, "can express what the school owes to the self-sacrificing and unceasing care which both Chinese and English teachers give to their work. It must be remembered that modern requirements make great demands upon the teacher, especially in the matter of understanding and sympathy. The social as well as the spiritual side of school life has great value in the training of character, and it is women of character, who are needed in these days, when we are bewildered by a mass of new social problems. The aim of the staff has been to send out girls full of courage united with sympathy, and possessing a high sense of duty, with well-trained minds, eager to make the highest contribution to the solution of the problems that beset the great Chinese nation."

LOCAL DOCK CO.

PROPOSED \$2 DIVIDEND.

Subject to final audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders, to be held on Monday, the 30th inst., that the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1924, be dealt with as follows:—

Pay a final dividend of \$2 per share on account of the year 1924, amounting to \$120,000. Make provision for a Doubtful Debt contracted in 1923. 200,000. Carry forward to next year about 20,000.

POLICE SUICIDE.

NORTHERN MAN HANGS HIMSELF.

A Wei Hai Wei policeman has committed suicide at the Water Police Station in Kowloon. Deceased was on Saturday found suspended from a clothes hanger in the mess room used by the Northern policemen. Life was extinct when his body was cut down.

DAVIS CUP.

FURTHER CHALLENGES.

New York, March 1. Belgium and Portugal have challenged for the Davis Cup.—*Reuter.*

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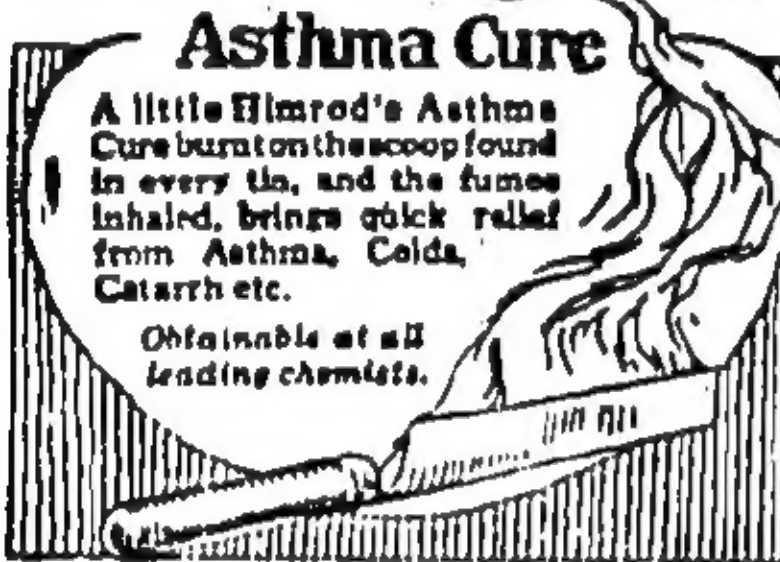
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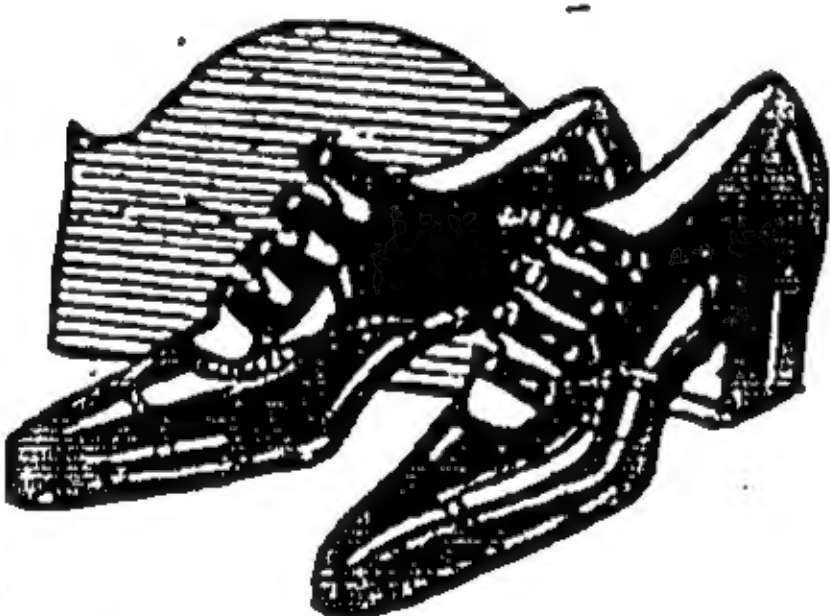
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LOCAL RACING.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS.

The first Extra Race Meeting of the season drew a large crowd to Happy Valley on Saturday, when some fine sport was witnessed. There were several surprises, with the result that the "pari" paid good dividends. In the San Tin Stakes, Capt. Hall brought in Joe for a win, paying the satisfactory return of \$93.30; whilst in the Un Loong Stakes, Curiosity Shop paid his backers \$34.20.

1.—POLO PONY SCURRY.—Distance about 450 yards. For bona fide Polo Ponies approved by the Committee of the Hongkong Polo Club. To be ridden by playing members of the Hongkong Polo Club. Catch weights 168 lbs. 1st Prize: \$100. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$30. Mr. B. D. F. Beith's Ab Mee, 168 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1. Capt. G. E. Osprey's Dick, 168 lbs. (Mr. Bartholomew) 2. Mr. W. T. Stanton's Shooting Star, 168 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 3. Also ran: Mark II (Captain Bennett), Benjamin (Captain Neville), Surprise (Mr. Davies), Joek (Mr. Sugden), Chinwangtoo (Lieut.-Com. Spragg).

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$10.30, Places \$0.40, \$10.00, \$12.30.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 47 \$2475.20
" 276 707.20
" 20 353.60
\$20 Tickets and Commission 504.00
Unplaced: 211, 749, 730, 209

2.—FANLING HANDICAP "C" CLASS: ONE MILE AND A QUARTER.—Winner: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100. For China Ponies that have started in at least two races at the Annual Meeting 1925.

Mr. H. Birkett's Beldarney Star, 157 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 1. Mr. Harry Odell's Duke of Frien, 160 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 2. Mr. Dynasty's King Canute, 161 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3. Also ran: Parnon II (Mr. Nema-zeel), Soldan (Mr. Buck), Uncle Tam (Mr. Harriman), Pagul (Mr. Ralph), Lumbie (Mr. Zellsenky).

Time: 2:45.
1 1/2 lengths; 5 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$0.60, Places \$6.50, \$9.80, \$10.30.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 671 \$2853.20
" 665 815.20
" 346 107.60
\$20 Tickets and Commission \$ 564

Unplaced: 877, 100, 828, 745, 69.
3.—FANLING HANDICAP "B" CLASS.
Mr. Bagram's Dictator Dahlia, 158 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1. Mr. Ferdinand's Curiosity Shop, 157 lbs. (Mr. Zellsenky) 2. Mr. Dynasty's Friarsfield 155 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3.

Also ran: Golden Chrysanthemum (Mr. Gibson), Grey Dragon (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Demon Boy (Mr. Moller), Gaudie (Mr. Pollock).

Time: 2:43 1/5
2 lengths, 1 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$21.90, Places \$11.10, \$10.20, \$10.30.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 437 \$3222.80
" 171 920.80
" 770 460.40
\$20 Tickets and Commission 5205.00
Unplaced: 802, 855, 217, 229

4.—FANLING HANDICAP "A" CLASS.
Mr. A. H. Carroll's Gold Leaf, 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1. Mr. L. Dunbar's Clover Club, 151 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 2.

Time: 2:41 4/5.
2 lengths, 1 length.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$10.80, Places \$8.00, \$23.30, \$12.00.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 419 \$3424.40
" 923 978.40
" 232 489.20
\$20 Tickets and Commission 639.00
Unplaced: 919, 434, 974, 190.

5.—SAN TIN STAKES: FIVE FURLONGS.—For Subscription Grifins of the Annual Meeting 1925 that have started in at least two races at the Annual Meeting, and have not won. W. I. Jockey allowance. 1st Prize: \$300. 2nd Prize: \$125. 3rd Prize: \$75.

Mr. Bay's Joe, 150 lbs. (Captain Hall) 1. Mrs. Taggart's Jimmy Lad, 155 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 2. Mr. Waytoong's Quab, 150 lbs. (Mr. Buck) 3. Also ran: Martlet (Mr. Nema-zeel), Strathlone (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Aces Up (Mr. Potts), Urgent (Mr. Stanton), Green Parrot (Mr. Zellsenky), Duke of Orleans (Mr. Gibson), Ulu (Mr. Ralph), Gilbert (Mr. da Roza), Nuggett (Mr. Pollock), Pansy Leaf (Mr. Harriman), Monitor (Mr. Sugden), Scarecrow (Mr. Davies).

1 1/2 lengths; 1/2 length.
Time: 1:20 2/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$93.30, Places \$20.10, \$10.60, \$12.60.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 541 \$3882.00
" 470 1109.40
" 006 554.00
\$20 Tickets and Commission 893.00
Unplaced: 588, 259, 1003, 1106, 1007, 472, 346, 1007, 205, 600, 918, 26.

6.—FEBRUARY SELLING PLATE: ONE MILE.—For all China Ponies. If entered to be sold for \$600, 5 lbs. penalty; if to be sold for \$500, W. I.; if to be sold for \$400 allowed 5 lbs.; and if to be sold for \$300 allowed 10 lbs. Special allowance: Non-winning Subscription Grifins of 1925 allowed 5 lbs. Jockey allowance. (Allowances accumulative). 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

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Head: 4 lengths.
Time: 2:00.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$48.60, Places \$15.70, \$12.00, \$11.00.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 180 \$8045.80
" 219 2259.80
" 1206 1149.40
\$50 Tickets and Commission 1666.00
Unplaced: 1016, 1206, 718, 880, 365, 3 and 622.

7.—THE CASTLE PEAK STAKES: SIX FURLONGS.—For China Ponies Grifins of 1925 that have started in at least two races and Subscription Grifins of 1925 which have started in at least two Subscription Griffin races and have not won. W. I. Subscription Grifins allowed 7 lbs. Jockey allowance. 1st Prize: \$300. 2nd Prize: \$125. 3rd Prize: \$75.

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Primrose Leaf, 140 lbs. (Mr. Zellsenky) 3. Also ran: Rothsey (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Gypsy Love (Mr. Buck), King Alfred (Mr. Davies), Magnificent Dahlia (Mr. Moller).

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Mr. Bay's Joe, 150 lbs. (Captain Hall) 1. Mrs. Taggart's Jimmy Lad, 155 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 2. Mr. Waytoong's Quab, 150 lbs. (Mr. Buck) 3. Also ran: Martlet (Mr. Nema-zeel), Strathlone (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Aces Up (Mr. Potts), Urgent (Mr. Stanton), Green Parrot (Mr. Zellsenky), Duke of Orleans (Mr. Gibson), Ulu (Mr. Ralph), Gilbert (Mr. da Roza), Nuggett (Mr. Pollock), Pansy Leaf (Mr. Harriman), Monitor (Mr. Sugden), Scarecrow (Mr. Davies).

1 1/2 lengths; 1/2 length.
Time: 1:20 2/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$93.30, Places \$20.10, \$10.60, \$12.60.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 541 \$3882.00
" 470 1109.40
" 006 554.00
\$20 Tickets and Commission 893.00
Unplaced: 588, 259, 1003, 1106, 1007, 472, 346, 1007, 205, 600, 918, 26.

6.—FEBRUARY SELLING PLATE: ONE MILE.—For all China Ponies. If entered to be sold for \$600, 5 lbs. penalty; if to be sold for \$500, W. I.; if to be sold for \$400 allowed 5 lbs.; and if to be sold for \$300 allowed 10 lbs. Special allowance: Non-winning Subscription Grifins of 1925 allowed 5 lbs. Jockey allowance. (Allowances accumulative). 1st Prize: \$400. 2nd Prize: \$150. 3rd Prize: \$100.

Mr. Harry Odell's Baby Eyes, 148 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 1. Mr. B. D. F. Beith's Grey Streak, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 2. Mr. H. Birkett's Deveron Star, 155 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 3. Also ran: Carapation Leaf (Mr. Harriman), Koh-I Noor (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), King Ptolemy (Mr. Davies), Little Minch (Mr. Buck), Jungle Cock (Mr. Zellsenky), Bonnie Dundee (Mr. Sugden), Uncle Tam (Mr. da Roza).

Head: 4 lengths.
Time: 2:00.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$48.60, Places \$15.70, \$12.00, \$11.00.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 180 \$8045.80
" 219 2259.80
" 1206 1149.40
\$50 Tickets and Commission 1666.00
Unplaced: 1016, 1206, 718, 880, 365, 3 and 622.

7.—THE CASTLE PEAK STAKES: SIX FURLONGS.—For China Ponies Grifins of 1925 that have started in at least two races and Subscription Grifins of 1925 which have started in at least two Subscription Griffin races and have not won. W. I. Subscription Grifins allowed 7 lbs. Jockey allowance. 1st Prize: \$300. 2nd Prize: \$125. 3rd Prize: \$75.

Mr. A. H. Carroll's Primrose Leaf, 140 lbs. (Mr. Zellsenky) 3. Also ran: Rothsey (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Gypsy Love (Mr. Buck), King Alfred (Mr. Davies), Magnificent Dahlia (Mr. Moller).

Time: 2:41 4/5.
2 lengths, 1 length.
Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$10.80, Places \$8.00, \$23.30, \$12.00.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 419 \$3424.40
" 923 978.40
" 232 489.20
\$20 Tickets and Commission 639.00
Unplaced: 919, 434, 974, 190.

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Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's Seattle, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 1. Mr. Dyer's Strathallan, 140 lbs. (Lieut.-Com. Thompson) 2. Mr. R. Busto's Alcantra, 158 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3.

Also ran: 'Uncle Edward (Mr. da Roza), New York (Mr. Buck), Hallymoney (Mr. Harriman), Jester (Mr. Zellsenky).

1 length; 2 lengths.
Time: 1:33 4/5.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$13.60; Places, \$0.70, \$7.10, \$8.60.
Ticket No. 1023 \$5025.60
" 591 1121.00
" 154 300.80
\$20 Tickets and Commission 712.00
Unplaced 172, 407, 924, 1240.

8.—THE UN LOONG STAKES: ONE MILE.—For China Ponies which have started in at least three races in 1925 and have not won. W. I. Grifins of 1925 allowed 5 lbs. Subscription Grifins of 1925 allowed 10 lbs. Jockey allowance. 1st Prize: \$300. 2nd Prize: \$125. 3rd Prize: \$75.

Mr. Ferdinand's Curiosity Shop, 153 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 1. Mr. Dynasty's King Emperor, 153 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 2. Mr. A. A. Alves' Auchencroch, 150 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 3. Also ran: Fern Leaf (Mr. Zellsenky), Saracen (Mr. Buck), Hailsham (Mr. Pollock), Gimlet (Lieut.-Com. Thompson), Gyp (Mr. Harriman), Persian Parrot (Mr. da Roza).

Time: 2:08 1/5.
Short head; a head.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$84.20; Places \$10.80, \$22.00, \$14.20.
Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 647 \$4244.10
" 1171 1212.60
" 144 608.30
\$20 Tickets and Commission 807.00
Unplaced: 309, 1020, 1271, 601, 831, 960.

Wales v France.
London, February 26.—Wales defeated France by 11 points to 5 at Cardiff. The game was played before twenty thousand spectators on a slippery ground. The French forwards heeled well and made several fine rushes. The game was contested at a fast pace. Nearing the interval, from a line out, the Welsh threequarters started a thrilling movement, ending in Finch scoring a try near the corner flag. Parker failed to convert. At half time Wales led by three points to nil.

On the resumption, after a few minutes Delahay received from a scrum five yards out and dived over with a try for Wales. Parker converting. The Frenchmen attacked and reached the Welsh twenty-five, and from a scrum Lusherier, after a fine swerving run, scored. Ducousso converting. Delahay set the Welsh backs in motion from a scrum in midfield, resulting in Finch going over in the last minute. Parker failed to convert. Wales thus won by 11 points to 5.—Reuter.

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

London, February 28.—Following are the results of the league matches played to-day. —

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division 1.	
Birmingham	0 Huddersfield 1
Bolton	4 Manchester 2
Burnley	5 West Ham 4
Cardiff	3 Newcastle 0
Everton	8 Notts F. 1
Leeds	1 Blackburn 1
Notts, C.	1 Bury 1
Preston	0 Sheffield U. 1
Sunderland	3 Liverpool 0
Tottenham	2 Arsenal 0
W. Bromwich	4 Aston Villa 1
Division 2.	
Cheltenham	2 Portsmouth 3
Clapton	0 Derby 1
Coventry	0 Port Vale 1
Crystal Pal.	1 Blackpool 2
Leicester	6 Barnsley 0
Manchester	3 Wolves 0
Oldham	1 Bradford 3
Wednesday	0 8th. Shields 1
Southampton	2 Hull City 2
Stockport	4 Fulham 1
Stoke	0 Middlesbrough 1
Division 3 (South).	
Bournemouth	2 Watford 1
Brentford	2 Merthyr 2
Brighton	2 Southampton 1
Bristol C.	2 Bristol R. 0
Gillingham	0 Northampton 1
Luton	1 Charlton 0
Millwall	3 Queen's Park 0
Norwich C.	0 Reading 2
Plymouth	0 Newport 0
Swindon	1 Exeter 0

The Aberdare v. Swansea match was postponed, the ground being unfit.

Division 3 (North).	
Accrington	2 Ashington 2
Bradford	0 Crewe 1
Chesham	1 Southport 2
Darlington	5 Wigan 0
Grimsby	1 Lincoln 2
Hull	2 Nelson 4
Hulltown	2 Tranmere 1
New Brighton	3 Barrow 0
Rochdale	3 Walsall 0
Rotherham	3 Doncaster 0

Scottish League.
Aberdeen 2 Raith 3
Ayr Utd. 2 Hibernians 2
Celtic 4 Dundee 0
Hearts 3 Hamilton 2
Kilmarnock 1 Falkirk 0
Motherwell 1 Partick 3
St. Johnstone 2 St. Mirren 2
Third Lanark 2 Morton 3

Friendly Match.
Queen's Park of Glasgow played the Corinthians at the Crystal Palace ground, and defeated them by three goals to two. — *Reuter.*

England v. Wales.
London, February 28.—At Swansea England beat Wales by 2 goals to 1. The game was played in showery weather, before eight thousand spectators on a waterlogged ground. England showed smart combination, and after eleven minutes, Roberts scored. Four minutes later Roberts headed a second from Dorrell's centre. Twenty minutes later Keenor, the Welsh centre half, nipped with a low shot the ball swerving in the mud away from the goalkeeper. At half time England led by 2 goals to 1. All the players showed remarkable stamina and skill in the terrible mud. The game was splendidly contested, but there was no further scoring. — *Reuter.*

Ireland v. Scotland.
Scotland defeated Ireland at Belfast by three goals to nil. The game was played in fine weather before forty thousand spectators, on a soft ground. After four minutes Meiklejohn, from Morton's pass, scored a brilliant goal. The Scotchmen played the long passing game, which was most effective on the heavy ground. The Scotch defence generally was too strong for the Irish forwards. Before the interval Gallagher and Dunn added goals. At halftime Scotland led by 3 goals to nil. The Scottish forwards continued to play with skill and precision, but there was no further scoring. — *Reuter.*

SEIZURE OF MARJORIE BACHMAN.

DECLARED TO BE ILLEGAL.

Boston, February 28.—Judge Morton has decided that the seizure of the Marjorie Bachman is illegal and has ordered the dismissal of the Government request for forfeiture of the ship and cargo. He ruled that the use of "speed boats" capable of faster speeds than the ordinary commercial craft to purchase liquor from foreign vessels anchored an hour's sail off the coast, was a "mere entrapment" and quite outside the purpose and intent of the Anglo-American Treaty. — *Reuter's American Service.*

HONGKONG WELSH SOCIETY.

DINNER IN HONOUR OF PATRON SAINT.

The local St. David's Society held a dinner at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden on Saturday evening in honour of the patron saint, and there was quite a large gathering of Welsh residents and English, Scottish and Irish guests. The function was in every way a great success, and emphasised anew the spirit of close comradeship existing among the races that inhabit the British Isles. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the President of the Society, who, after the loyal toasts had been honoured, rose to propose the "Land of my Fathers". He expressed the keen pleasure he felt at seeing so many gathered there to join in honouring their national day on the eve of that day. He was particularly pleased that there was present the President of the sister society of St. Andrew, and regretted that the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, President of the St. George's Society, was otherwise engaged and was unable to be present. He thought they would agree that such societies were most valuable assets to the Empire, and he felt sure that as long as the Empire lasted so long would there be these societies of St. David, St. George and St. Andrew. (Hear, hear.)

They regretted that they did not include in Hongkong the fourth sister society, but he trusted that before long they would have a St. Patrick's society, true as they were to their national ideals and their King and Empire. (Applause.)

Its Patriotism and Loyalty. In Hongkong, St. David's Society was a small one, but it was second to none in its loyalty to its native land and its King. (Applause)—and that night they had foregathered to honour their patron saint. In had often been said that little was known about St. David, and he believed this was true. Little was spoken about his life, but a good deal had been written concerning him. He was born in 544 and died in 601. Of his life, suffice it to say that he was a good man and a good patriot, and the fire of patriotism kindled by him among his fellowmen in the sixth century had been kept burning by a succession of other patriots, and he (the speaker) was glad to say the fire was still burning as brightly in the hearts of all Welshmen as ever it did. (Applause.)

An occasion like the present gave the President a little license, and he was allowed at such gatherings to stand up and say what really fine fellows they were. (Laughter). One of the special characteristics of the Welshman was his modesty (Laughter). He was proud to be a Welshman. **Shoulder to Shoulder.** Welshmen had over been found ready to defend the honour of the Empire. (Applause). As a Colonist no one throw himself more readily into the life of his adopted country than did the Welshman. Shoulder to shoulder with the Englishman and the Scotman, he was to be found where the battle was fiercest, from Crey to Inkerman and down to the last and greatest war of all. They took their full share in the fight for freedom and right. (Applause). In conclusion, the President addressed the company in his native language. The toast was drunk with the company standing to the strains of the Welsh national anthem. — *Reuter.*

Later, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Vice-president, rose to propose the visitors. He said that shortly after their last dinner a remark appeared in the Press stating that there were more guests present than Welshmen. That was true; they were a small community, but the writer of that was unwittingly paying them a compliment. Nothing gave them greater pleasure than having a great number of friends with them, and it afforded the keenest pleasure to entertain so many that night. He coupled the toast with the names of Sir Claud Severn and Mr. W. W. Hornell. Welshmen loved art and poetry and they knew Mr. Hornell as a discriminating lover of art and poetry, and they had seen Sir Claud as a skilful exponent of the dramatic art. (Applause.)

The Uses of Wales. Sir Claud Severn, replying, said he felt it would have been more fitting had the President of either St. George's or St. Andrew's societies been called on to respond, but Mr. Reid was diffident and he understood that Mr. Bird was somewhere in France (Laughter). He had never been present at a St. David's dinner until he came to Hongkong, and the two he had attended had been provided over

THE ROTORSHIP.

LATEST TRIP SOMETHING OF A FIASCO.

Berlin, February 28.—The rotorship reached the Elbe after a stormy North Sea crossing. The German Mercantile Marine Officers' Association, in conference at Hamburg, refused to endorse the claims made for the rotors. The speakers declared that the trip to Scotland was something of a fiasco. The rotors and rotor power were only used for four and a half hours. — *Reuter.*

by Sir William Rees Davies. They had had a rollicking time on each occasion (Laughter), as rollicking as Sir William could make them (Laughter). He had recently had a letter from him from the South of France and he was very glad to tell them Sir William was better and enjoying life (Applause). Sir William was a good friend, and on an occasion like the present always disported himself within the limits in which a Chief Justice could disport himself (Laughter).

Continuing, Sir Claud remarked on the uses of Wales, and said he learned that Birmingham got its water from a Radnorshire valley and he believed that London was thinking of going to Wales for its water, too. There was therefore the prospect of Wales going dry (Laughter). But Wales was useful. Scotland provided England with the whisky, and the natural accompaniment of whisky was water. (Laughter.)

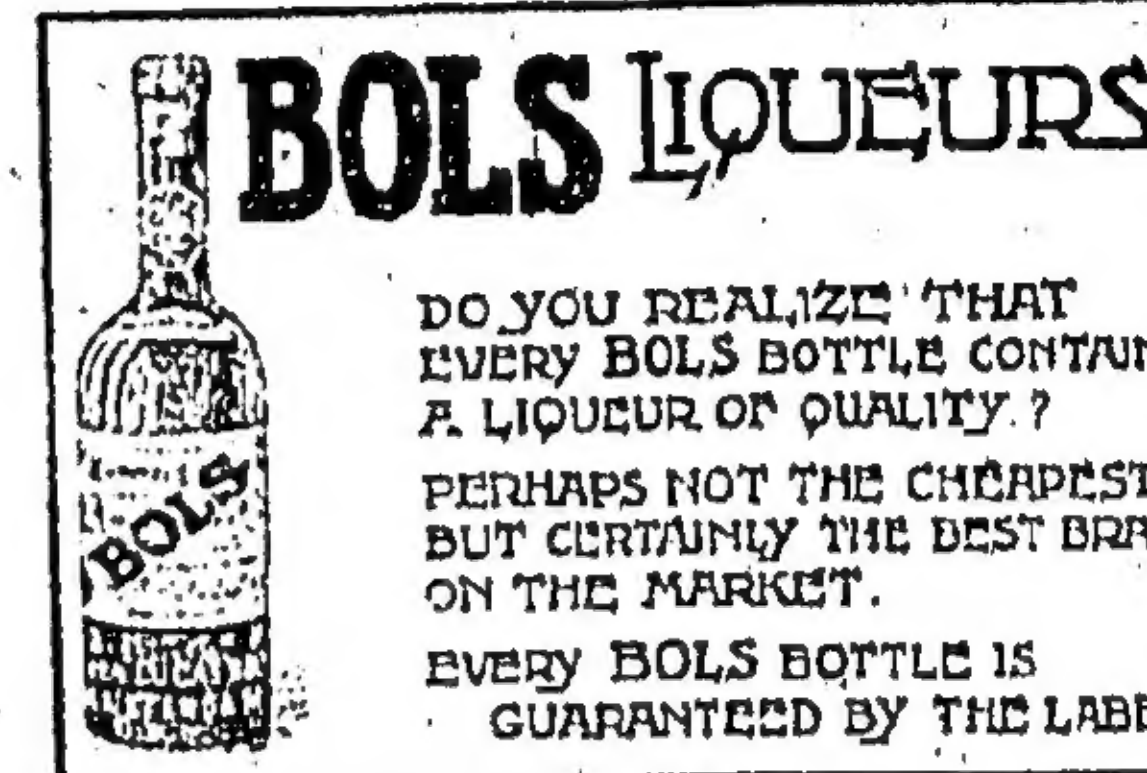
Mr. Hornell also replied in a characteristic speech. During the evening several soloists rendered excellent songs so add to the enjoyment of the Company. They were Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Richards, Mrs. Osprey, Mrs. Hooper and Mr. H. G. Annis.



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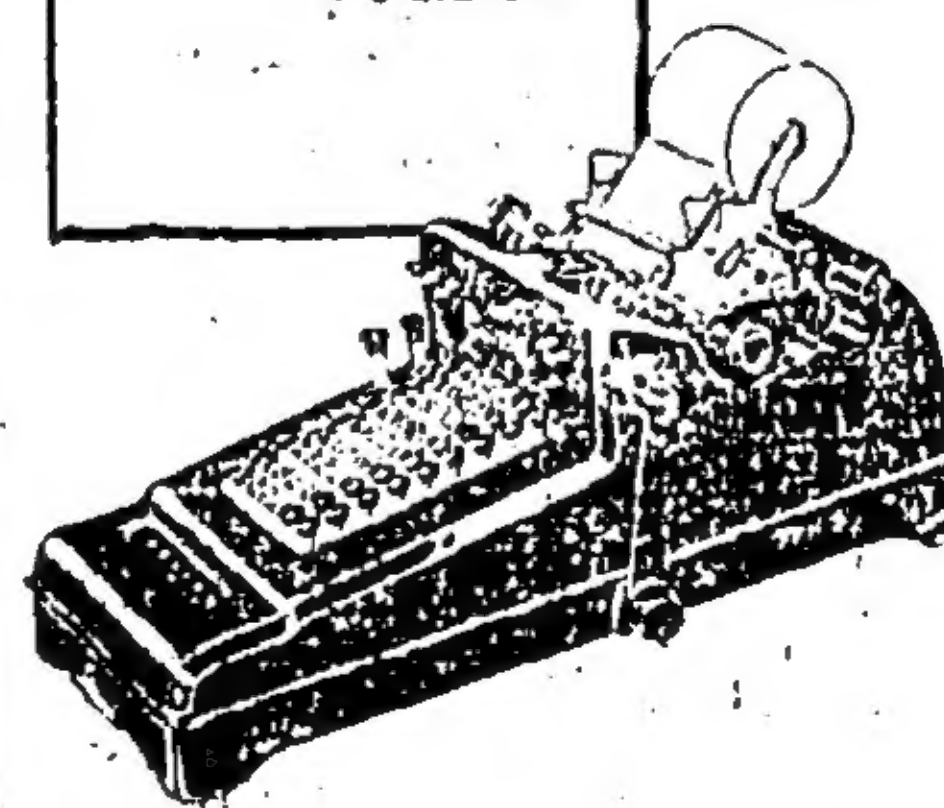
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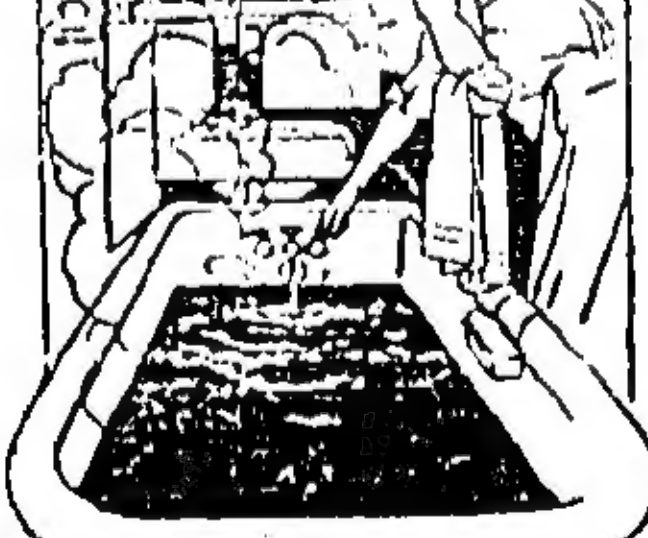
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All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godown and cargo undelivered after 9th. March, 1925, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

AMERICAN FAR EAST LINE

Managing Operators
Hongkong, 2nd. March 1925.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society are Cordially invited to the

ANNUAL MEETING

of its Hongkong Auxiliary in

THE CATHEDRAL HALL

On Tuesday, 3rd. March, 1925,

at 5.15 p.m.

Sir HENRY POLLOCK, K.C.,

will preside.

Speakers:—The Right Rev. J. H. MOLONY, D.D., Bishop in Chokiang and The Venerable Archdeacon E. JUDD BARNETT, M.A. who is leaving China on the following day, after 23 years' service.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th December, 1924, the name of the China American Industrial Developing Co., Ltd., was changed and the company will thereafter be known as "The Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving, and Construction Co., Limited."

The Company will continue to carry on business as structural engineers and building contractors as heretofore under the new name.

C. B. SHANK,
Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1924.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on—

Wed., the 4th. March, 1925.

at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

(for account of the concerned)

18 Sets Parker Combination

Lavatories

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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A Quantity of Office

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Comprising:—

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Monday, the 9th. March 1925

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The Valuable Farm Lots and Building

Land situate at Sam Shui Po

and known as

Farm Lots Nos. 570, 580, 581, 582, 583

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For further particulars and

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Auctioneer.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned, on TUESDAY,

March 3, 1925, at 11.30 a.m., at the

China Auction Rooms, China

Building,

4 Cases Dyed Ferstrang

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Terms:—Cash before delivery.

E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 28, 1925.

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D.C. BAPTISTA,

Auctioneer.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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J. M. JACK,

General Manager.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Roup.

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on WEDNESDAY,

the 4th March, 1925, at 5.15 p.m.

at the Hongkong Jockey Club

Stables, Causeway Bay,

Several well-known

Race Ponies.

Full Particulars from Catalogue

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Hongkong, 20th Feb., 1925.

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Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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instructions to sell by Public Roup,

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March 4, 1925, commencing at

2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,

No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street.

Valuable Household Furniture,

&c., &c., &c.

Comprising:—

Double and Single Teakwood

Bedsteads with mattresses, large

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Comprising:—

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(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

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Hongkong, February 27, 1925.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, March 3rd, 1925, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, February 20th, 1925, to TUESDAY, March 3rd, 1925, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13th, 1925.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A Meeting of members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex on FRIDAY, 6th March 1925 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the method of an urgent Subscription for the next Season. The attendance of all members interested is requested. By order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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2nd. March 1925.

Coupon

"Telegraph" Motor Car Competition.

In every issue of the "Telegraph" up to and including April 25th, 1925, there will appear a skeleton word from which the consonants have been omitted. Competitors are required to fill in the blanks, and for every correct coupon sent in they will be credited with one point. The competitors having the highest totals when the Competition ends will be awarded prizes as follows:—1st, a Five-Passenger 1925 Dodge motor car; 2nd, a magnificent Victrola cabinet gramophone; 3rd, a No. 5 Model Underwood typewriter.

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(Three letters)

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I agree to abide by the rules and conditions set forth in the full-page advertisement appearing in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of Dec. 27th, 1924.

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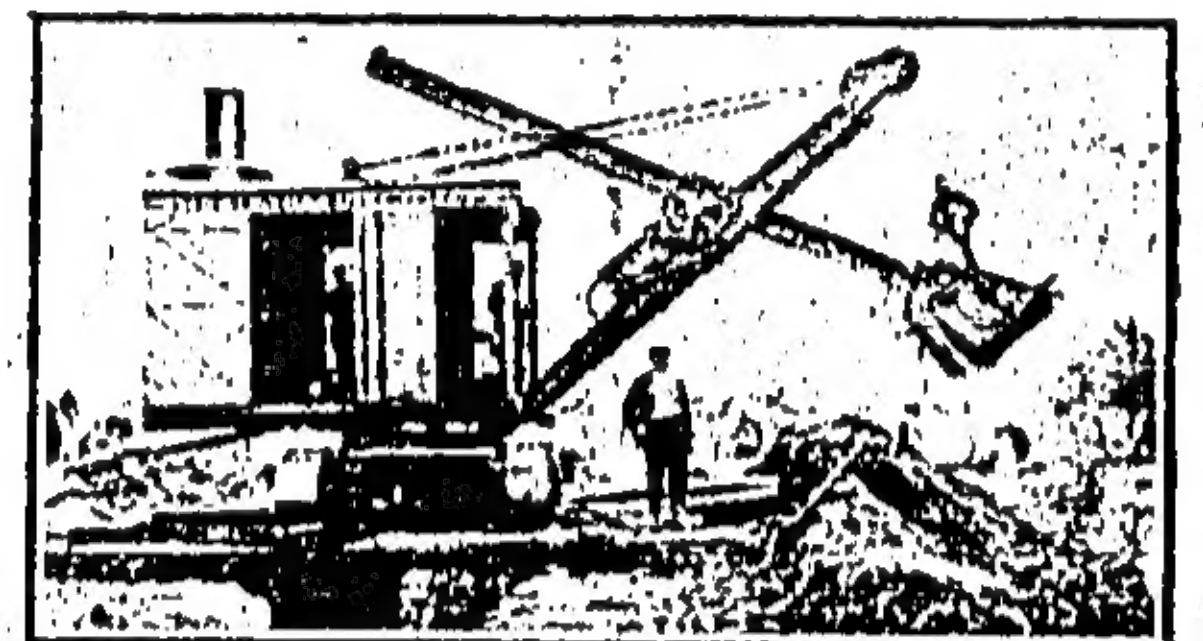
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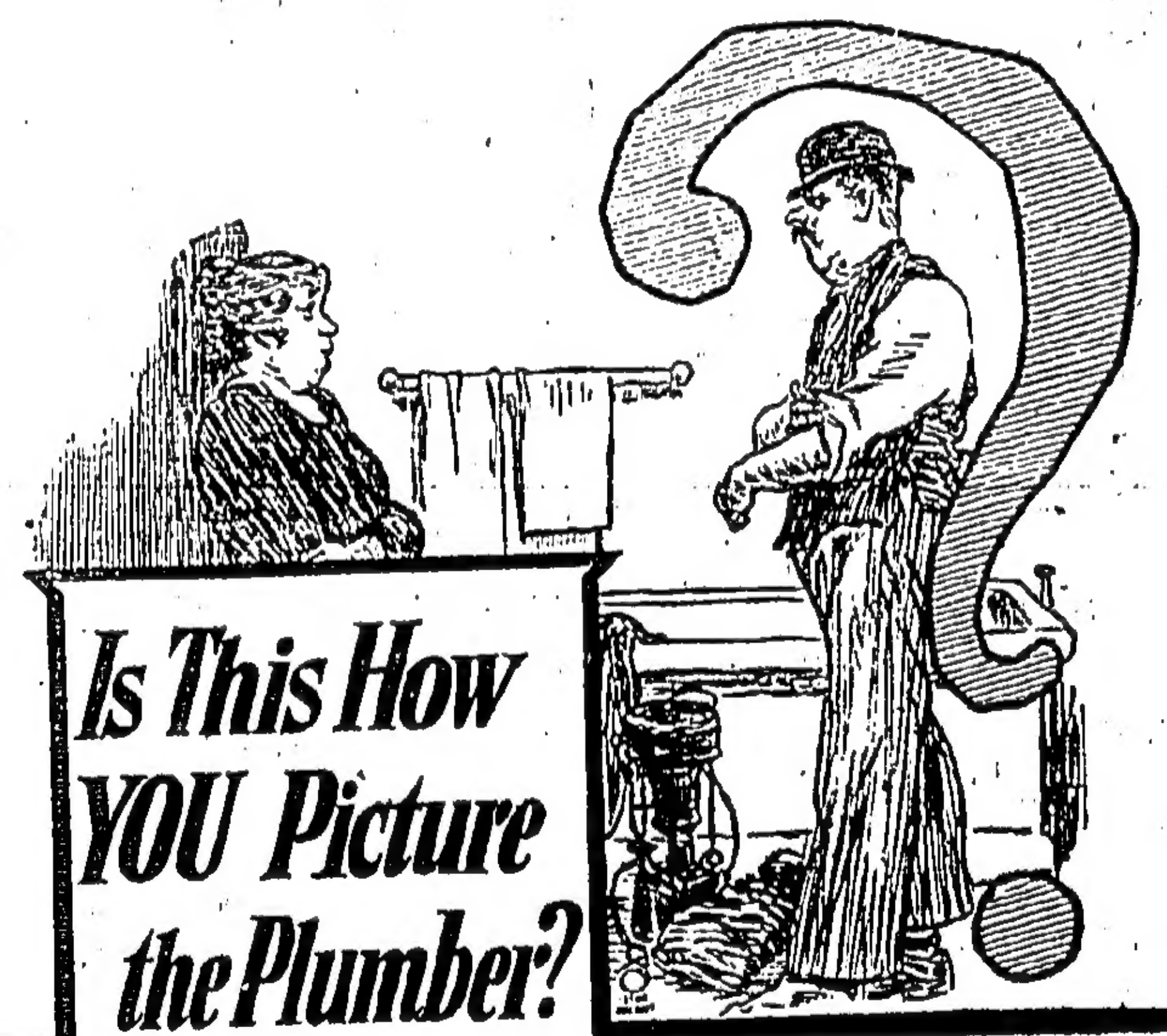
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we should like to remind you that the modern plumber is the health engineer of the household. He realises his responsibility. He knows that in the constructing of a new building, or the proper maintenance of a building already constructed, no factor is more vital to health and comfort than the plumbing system. The enormously efficient plumbing systems of to-day are a tribute to the plumber's constant devotion to his science.

We cordially invite you to inspect our display of modern sanitary earthenware, bathroom fittings, heating appliances, floor and wall tiles etc.

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WE STARTED TO SUPPLY THE FEW INHABITANTS THEN IN HONGKONG WITH IMPORTED PROVISIONS—

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DEATH.

BAPTISTA.—At St. Joseph's Building, Robinson Road, on the 2nd. March, Manuel Baptista, aged 52 years. Deeply regretted. (Macao and Shanghai papers please copy). Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. today.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 2nd Mar., 1925.

THE TELEPHONE QUESTION.

Much interest will be evinced in the statement which has been given to the local newspapers on behalf of the promoters of a Hongkong company which plans to take over the complete business of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, and operate it as a local concern, at an early date. It has been known for some weeks that negotiations were in progress, and latterly that an arrangement had at length been come to apparently satisfactory to both parties to the discussions—the company, through its special representative Sir George Gibb, and the representatives of the group of business men who are prepared to form the local concern. The terms of this agreement, as well as the history of the negotiations leading up to it, are now before the public, and the matter is to be discussed by the Legislative Council very shortly. Government approval of the scheme is practically assured, and it only remains for the head office of the company to signify its final acquiescence to make the transaction conclusive.

There is no need to review the past history of what is known as the "telephone dispute," for it is a matter of general knowledge how the Government in 1922 refused to consider an extension of the Telephone Company's term of monopoly except on conditions restricting the charges to the public, but permitting a scale of increase, subject to maintenance of the working of the concern at full efficiency. The company's previous spokesman contended that the restrictions were too severe to enable the business to be run at a profit. A group of representative local commercial men was at the time willing to arrange an agreement to take over the firm's business. However, matters ended in a deadlock, and mean-

while the company's term has been drawing towards its close, in 1930. It is thus very gratifying to learn of the recent agreement, for apart from any other considerations there is the feeling that a great deal of uncertainty has now been removed. When we come to a consideration of the more immediate aspects of the case, we think we are voicing the opinion of the majority of the public in welcoming the opportunity thus given for one of our essential utility companies to come under direct local management. However efficient an absentee directorate might be, there must be lacking that close contact with affairs which from time to time becomes essential as different questions arise. A directorate of business men of the Colony will obviate that. It is interesting to note that the local concern does not anticipate the necessity for much enhanced rates, and is prepared to work at a definite scale of reasonable profit. The whole public will, without doubt, welcome this indication of a solution to a very important item in the Colony's progressive programme.

Young Pests.

May we again draw the attention of the police authorities to the nuisance caused by mendicants in the vicinity of St. John's Cathedral? There are generally one or two veteran beggars to be found in this locality, but of late the place has become more or less infested with youthful mendicants who make a speciality of following-up ladies; for the most part, they leave the menfolk alone. It is principally in the evenings that this nuisance is most apparent, although one lady who was recently coming down to town from the Peak during the forenoon was stopped no fewer than five times by these little urchins. These young pests do not even stop at soliciting for alms; they often run along beside a lady and tug at her skirts until they are either driven off or given a cunshaw. This kind of thing should be put a stop to, without further delay. The neighbourhood of the Cathedral is a favourite spot for professional beggars, who often ply their calling with a native constable not many yards away, the latter seldom taking notice of them. Another place where "old hands" may be seen begging every day of the week is Glenealy. A round-up of mendicants in these two regions should produce quite a large "bag."

Germany's Loss.

There will be general sympathy for the people of Germany in the loss which they have suffered by the death of President Ebert, who rose from humble rank to the highest position in the land. The son of a master tailor, he was educated at a Board School and later became a saddler. When but twenty-one years of age, he became the editor of the Social Democratic organ *Breiteheuer Zeitung*, and ten years later he came more prominently into the public eye by being elected to the Reichstag. The year before the Great War broke out, he was Chairman of the Social Democratic Party, and when the Republic was established, in 1919, he became the first President of Germany. A man of advanced political views, he nevertheless showed marked ability and restraint in the conduct of affairs as President of the country, filling a difficult position in times of great stress with marked ability. Incidentally, it may be noted that two of his sons were killed in the war.

KOWLOON MARATHON.

THIS AFTERNOON'S EVENT

There is a large entry for the Kowloon Marathon, which takes place this afternoon. In all, 24 men have entered, of whom 15 are from the East Surveys. Those taking part include A. Mair, the winner of the first Kowloon Marathon, whilst other well-known runners have also entered. The start will be made from outside St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 and the course, is some 6 1/4 miles. After the race, the prizes will be presented by Mrs. Lindsay in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

DAY BY DAY.

A LIAR IS A BRAVO TOWARDS GOD AND A COWARD TOWARDS MEN.—Bacon.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during February totalled 0.43-inch.

Mrs. R. T. Matheson and Miss Matheson left on Saturday by s.s. Tandra for Melbourne.

The health return for the past two days shows one case each of small-pox and typhoid, both sufferers being Chinese.

A Home paper of February 5th says:—H.R.H. Prince George, who is sailing shortly for the Far East, has been, it is officially announced, suffering from tonsillitis, but is now making good progress towards recovery.

From Chow Noy-chun, managing partner of the Kwong Fung-loong firm, of No. 213 Queen's Road Central, the police have received a report to the effect that one of his folk has obtained a sum of \$5,000 from the Hung Tak Bank by means of a forged instrument.

The death has taken place of Mr. Wong Yuen, the first Chinese in Hongkong to drive a tramcar. He had been with the Tramway Company for over 21 years, had never been late for duty and had never experienced an accident. There was an extremely large gathering at his funeral on Saturday.

An unemployed Chinese, who had been previously imprisoned for unlawfully boarding a ship, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy today, for the theft of a number of coins, the property of Mr. Barnes, second engineer, from on board the s.s. Marlborough, on Saturday.

There was a special attendance of members of the Gymdeithas Dewi Sant at the Cenotaph yesterday morning (St. David's Day) at 10.45 o'clock, when a wreath was laid to the memory of the men from gallant Wales who gave their lives for King, country and Empire in the late war. The wreath was laid by Mr. J. Owen Hughes, President, in the presence of several members of the Society, including Mrs. Osprey, Commander Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richards and Captain Thomas.

The Engineer Company of the Volunteers have arranged an attractive annual shooting competition, for members, and the 1925 meeting is to be held very shortly, with handicaps based on the musketry qualifying scores. A number of prizes is given, at each range and for the whole shoot, both with and without handicap. All members of the Engineer Co. who have paid the rifle club subscription are qualified to enter for the competition, the time and date of which are to be announced later. The ranges are 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards, and the competition includes a ten rounds rapid fire contest.

There were enthusiastic scenes at the final performance of the A.D.C.'s latest effort, "French Leave," at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. In the presence of a large audience, the play was very ably interpreted and on the fall of the final curtain there were many bouquets, boxes of chocolates and other gifts of a more mysterious character handed over the footlights to the principals. In response to calls, Lieut. Comdr. Hale, the producer, made a brief speech in which he thanked all who had assisted in the production, mentioning especially Mr. H. W. Bird and Mrs. W. Logan, the latter of whom rendered invaluable assistance behind the scenes.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE.

DOCK WORKER SENTENCED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a boiler maker of the Takoo Docks was sentenced to four months' hard labour on conviction on a charge of wilfully and maliciously damaging a wall between a disused furnace and a storeroom at the yard.

Defendant was detected in the act of digging through the wall. He had knocked a hole through the wall, measuring one foot square, by means of a hammer when he was discovered.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CHINA BEATS ENGLAND.

Saturday's football resulted as under:—

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.
South China 2 England ... 1

DIVISION II.

Club de R. "A" 4 Surveys: Res. 0
St. Joseph's "A" 3 S. China "B" 1
St. Joseph's "B" 3 University ... 2

The Kowloon Res. v. S. China "A" and the Surveys Drums v. Club de Res "B" games were scratched. The Club Reserves v. Sacred Heart game was postponed owing to the H. K. Club-visiting Canton over the week-end.

ENGLAND, WOODEN-SPOONISTS.

[BY "WANDERER"]
England, poor England, who if adequately represented would probably have won the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup hands down, will occupy for this season a forlorn position at the foot of the table, a position made certain by their defeat at the hands of China on Saturday. The team on Saturday was better in many respects than that which opposed Scotland, but Simpson failed to justify his inclusion, and as, for some strange reason, England's game appeared to depend upon the left wing—well, they just lost and that's as much as there is to it. One must, of course, give credit to China for their 2-1 victory. They played far better football than for weeks past and gave Wavish a busy afternoon.

England's defence was called into action at the very commencement, but Wynne checked Li Wai-tong at the crucial moment. Wavish was twice called upon and saved in good style from Li and Suen Kam-shun, but was helpless to stop a swift cross shot by Li Wai-tong from thirty yards' range ten minutes after the commencement. England took up the attack with vigour, Humberstone, Jones and Butler being responsible for good work. Following a corner, Jones, seeing Humberstone unmarked, put the ball on his toe and the Surveys man left Lau standing with a splendid shot. After the interval, a penalty was given again Mitchell for hands and Li Wai-tong easily converted.

It was not to be expected that England would play with the precision of a machine, and under the circumstances, the team work was quite good. There were occasional misunderstandings, but none had serious consequences.

Wavish was safe; Wheeler and Wynne tackled and kicked with judgment; and the half-backs, Pether, Mitchell and Watson, were sound. Of the forwards, the inside trio worked hard and with slightest luck must have secured more than one goal between them. Harris was good, bad and indifferent in patches, and Simpson was more or less indifferent throughout. In the second half he was provided with hosts of chances to atone for his initial errors, but nothing seemed to go right for him.

The return of Chan So to the China team tightened up their defence considerably. Chan So played quite in his old style and his partner gave him every support. The half-backs gave nothing away and the forwards were well together. Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ai were the better wing, though Pether proved himself very troublesome.

The International Charity Cup table is:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	G.
China	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Scotland	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
England	2	0	0	2	3	5	0

OTHER GAMES.

[BY "QUIZ"]

The Surveys failed to maintain their form of last season, when it was necessary to arrange a fourth meeting between them and the Club de Res before the position of runners-up could be decided upon, and went down badly to the Rescels "A" in their return league game on the H.K.F.C. ground last Saturday. The game was looked upon as the one to decide the Junior Championship this season and so well did the Rescels team play that they had the soldiers beaten almost from the kick-off. Taking the lead early through Gosano, the Rescels had practically all the play, and Gosano got through before the interval, which arrived with the Club leading by two goals to nil. The Surveys' attack opened strongly in the second half, but they met a sound defence against which they could do little. Gosano and Fuertes

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

FIRST LEAGUE MATCHES.

The H.K.C.C. scored a decisive victory over the Navy in a first division cricket League match on Saturday. Going in to bat first, the Club declared at 172 for 9 (J. D. Humphreys 54, R. J. Walker 49, W. Galloway 33 not out.) Pay Lt. Comdr. Hargreaves took 3 for 30. The naval men failed principally before the bowling of F. N. Young, who captured 7 wickets for 23, and the total of their reply was only 78.

The Civil Service beat the University comfortably. The latter compiled 157 (A. A. Rumjahn 35), and the former replied with 161 for 5 (F. Baker 45, not out).

The meeting of the R. A. and C.R.C. showed a great superiority of the artillerymen over their opponents. After a bad start, the R. A. declared at 218 for 5, Major Hattersley Smith being 103 not out, and other heavy contributors being Lieut. Hunslowe with 54 and Lieut. Smith with 46. Lieut. Smith and Clayton were particularly deadly with the ball, and the Chinese were all disposed of for 58.

SECOND DIVISION.

The I.R.C. beat the University very easily in a second division match. The latter compiled the useful total of 176, to which Y. C. Teh contributed 58, and W. H. Sling 44; but the Indians in reply knocked up 213 for 8 wickets down (J. S. Cassumbhoy 52, S. A. R. Ismail 48).

FRIENDLIES.

A Volunteer Defence Corps team lost to the K.C.C. at Kowloon by 6 wickets. The Volunteers scored 109, and the K.C.C. replied with 117 for 4.

The Civil Service were at home to the K.C.C. second eleven, and the former rapidly scored against the visiting bowling, declaring at 159 for 7 (Squibbs 68). The visitors were dismissed fairly cheaply, with a total of 86.

BILLIARDS.

COMING INTERPORT CONTEST.

The annual Portuguese Interport billiard contest between Hongkong and Shanghai is due to take place in Shanghai this year. An invitation has been received from the Lusitano Club of Shanghai and it has been decided by the Committee of the local Club to accept the invitation. The contingent is scheduled to leave here for the northern port by the Empress of Asia on May 1st, returning by the Empress of Russia on the 16th.

The competition will be carried out on similar lines to last year. The Shanghai players, it will be remembered, did not lose the rubber here, till the final game was played off, so that playing at home this time they may be able to turn the issue in their favour, but it is confidently expected here that the local men will carry off the honours again.

The Hongkong team has not as yet been selected, but it is expected that the players of last year, with the exception of one or two, will be called upon again. In all probability, we are informed, the team will be chosen from among the following:—A. J. Osmund, P. A. Yvanovich, E. de Rosa, R. F. Luz, F. M. Ozorio, all of whom represented the local Club last year, H. de Luz, F. de Rosa, and P. A. Rozorio. It is regrettable that two good exponents, in the persons of L. A. Osmund and E. L. Barros, who rank as probabilities, are unable to make the trip and will therefore not take part in the trials.

The Interport trophy is a beautiful shield, designed and made in England. It is on view now at the Lusitano Club and shows on the silver front a billiard competition in action. The shield is subscribed for by the Portuguese firms in Hongkong.

added and when the final whistle sound the Rescels had scored four goals without any reply from the East Surveys.

Playing at home, South China went down to St. Joseph's "A" by three goals to one. Ward scored two goals for St. Joseph's and T. Leonard one. The College team then changed their goalkeeper and failed to notify the referee, consequently a penalty for hands was given against the substitute, from which Ching Shui scored, the final being—St. Joseph's 3: South China, 1.

St. Joseph's "B" v. University was played within the Rescels' course, but did not attract a large following. The game throughout was very even and in the end the College team won by three goals to two. Delgado, P. Lee and Tai Xaw-ai scored for St. Joseph's, and Barnes two for the University.

LOCAL FIRMS NOTABLE HISTORY.

(Continued from Page 1.)
ness in the future. Such success as we have met with is not, of course, solely due to the goods we supply, but in a substantial measure to the assistance the Company received from the loyal co-operation by the staff as a whole, which has always been readily and faithfully given. On behalf of the Company of which I have the honour to be Chairman, I wish to thank you all for so kindly joining us to-day. We also wish to thank our customers for their support in the past and hope for their continued support in the future. (Applause.)

Sir Paul Chater, later in the morning, delivered a brief speech testifying to the high reputation which the firm enjoys, mentioning that he made his first purchase at Lane, Crawford's as far back as 1864.

THE FOUNDERS.
The moving spirit in the founding of the business was Mr. T. A. Lane, the master of a trading vessel sailing to Hongkong in 1848, who found difficulty in obtaining some necessary supplies on his arrival here. When he returned home he joined forces with a friend, Mr. Ninian Crawford, and they raised the necessary capital and formed the firm of Lane, Crawford and Company.

Returning to Hongkong (of course, via the Cape) with stocks, these pioneers started business in 1850 on the waterfront in a building of the matched type, on a site where the Dragon Motor Car Garage is now situated in Des Voeux Road. The business, as other departments were opened up, was quickly enlarged, and the premises were pushed through to Queen's Road, coming out where Lock Hing's are now in business.

The firm continued to grow apace, different departments being added from time to time, and they continued in these premises up to 1905; while in the interval they had opened up branches in Shanghai and Yokohama. These branches were later taken over by local managers, and later were turned into limited liability companies.

GOOD SERVICE.
During the past seventy-five years, the firm has been closely connected with the steady progress of the Colony, and records show that it has rendered good service on several occasions of emergency. During the seamen's strike, within the memory of most of us, it was Lane, Crawford's who practically kept up the supplies of bread and the necessities of life.

Away back in the old days we find that for many years the firm had the only European bakery in Hongkong, and, as now, served H.M. Navy with most of their bread. It was the firm's bakery that came to the Government's assistance when an attempt was made, in the very early days, to poison the troops; and in later years it was Lane, Crawford's water boats which brought the precious fluid, free of all charge, from Kowloon Bay, and kept the Colony provided with sparkling water during the very severe drought of some forty years or so ago. In fact, many former Governors of Hongkong have, from time to time, thanked the firm for assistance rendered in time of need.

It might be recalled that the Yokohama store was wiped out in the great earthquake of 1923, the old partner, Mr. McKinnel, who was originally in Hongkong, being killed with most of the staff.

PROGRESS.
In 1905 a move was made to the present Hongkong building, but the firm are already looking forward to moving into the new Exchange Building as soon as completed. In 1923 the Wiseman site was bought for this purpose, and to find the necessary capital the old private firm was turned into a limited company.

This meant also taking over the bakery and café business of Messrs. Wiseman.
Every year shows a larger turnover than its predecessor, and by adding departments as the need arises the old policy of the firm is continued—to supply residents with all their needs.

Being first in the field, practically with the start of trading in the Colony, the company has been able to choose the best of agencies in most European and American products.
As it was in the shiphandlery and food commodities that the firm made their first start, special shows are being made in these lines in the windows and show rooms, and a visit to them is well worth while.

TYPHOON ECHO.

MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY.

In connection with rescue work on the occasion of the sinking of the s.s. Leongsang in Hongkong harbour during the typhoon of August, 1923, the King, on the recommendation of the President of the Board of Trade, has awarded the Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea to the following officers and seamen:—

On the s.s. Bowes Castle.—Mr. John Cropper, chief officer; Mr. G. O. R. Jenkins, third officer; Mr. G. T. B. Huggins, apprentice; Won Jak, Hong Kam, Lam Pow, and Leong Yoo, seamen.

Of the s.s. Egremont Castle.—Mr. T. L. Williams, chief officer; Mr. K. H. Stuart, second officer; Mr. Harold Walwright, Mr. G. A. Parker, Mr. E. L. Garrett, Mr. John E. Snaith, apprentices; Go Ling Low, quartermaster; Sing Yung Sang, boatswain; Ching Chin Fong, Lin Ah Yek, Lee Vin Chan, Chang Chin Pan, Chang Pan Fah, and Ying Ah Pan seamen.

Of the Chinese s.s. Hwah Ping.—Mr. A. Lexow, chief officer; Mr. R. F. Moltzau, second officer; Mr. G. Daksorhoff, third officer; Chee Ah Kun, boatswain's mate; Han Fat Sang, Teo Tor, and Lin Chang Chin, quartermasters; also the Chinese fireman and the Chinese cabin boy who formed part of the boat's crew.

SHIPPING NEWS.

LOCAL WATERFRONT ITEMS.

It is still blowing a quite fresh monsoon outside, but the wind is more moderate north of this port than it is further to the southward. From south of the Paracels Islands, especially, there are reports of very heavy weather.

The Admiral Oriental liner President Jefferson, Captain H. Nicholls, arrived yesterday from Shanghai, and had fresh monsoon coming down here.

The Struthers and Barry freighter, West Iwan, Captain R. Hoaly, arrived to-day from Shanghai and had similar weather.

The West Carmona arrived from Manila to-day and reports a strong north-eastern coming up.

The Hamburg-American liner Torie arrived this morning from Singapore and had bad weather except the two last days of her trip. The coaster Kriton, Captain O. Lonschen, arrived yesterday from Bangkok and experienced a strong N.E. gale.

The B. I. Liner Talamba has now arrived from dry dock, and is lying all apeak and span in an A-buoy.

The Canton steamer Sai On left the Taikoo dry dock this morning after her overhauling, and went to a West Point Wharf.

The old Canton-Wuchow steamer Wah On, which has been laid up for a long time, was alongside a West Point wharf this morning. It is said that she has obtained a river charter carrying rice, and that she is shortly to have her name changed.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE GOLDEN KEY."

There are many things that money can buy, and happiness is not among them. This is the irresistible conclusion that one is forced to, after seeing that stirring photoplay of modern life "The Golden Key" showing at the World Theatre to-day with Asta Nielsen in the leading role. In this realistic picture, adopted for the screen from the celebrated novel by George Froeschel, the famous star brings out her latent histrionic powers, in which she has few superiors on the screen. Asta Nielsen as Mary Verhag portrays the character of a young chorus girl whose humble life makes her dream of the day when she will be able to parade in the most expensive shops and choose whatever her heart desires.

POTATO PEST.

Measures have been taken by the British Ministry of Agriculture to fight a potato pest from the United States and to prevent its spread in this country. In a statement issued recently, the Ministry point out that the 1924 crop of potatoes in the United States had been so plentiful that export markets for the surplus were being sought, and small quantities had already been sent to this country. Unfortunately, the potato fields over large areas of the States are infested with the destructive Colorado beetle—a pest of which the importation into Britain must be guarded against as far as possible.

CHINESE WARFARE.

NANNING CHANGES HANDS.

A Wuchow correspondent, writing under date of yesterday, states:—

It will be remembered that some seven months ago the forces of the Generals Li and Wong took possession of Nanning simply by marching into the city, and that there was no bloodshed, as they found that the city had already been evacuated.

Now exactly the opposite has happened, as on February 26th, 15,000 troops under the command of the Yunnanese war lord, General Li Chao-yah, marched into Nanning and took possession, and they again on their side found the city evacuated by the enemy's troops. There has not yet been any news as to whether there was any looting by either army.

These Yunnanese, who must be distinguished from the notorious Yunnanese troops at Canton, are so-called "Chinese Highlanders" and come from the inner and more mountainous districts of the province of Yunnan. It is reported that they are only going to leave sufficient forces at Nanning to defend the city and that the majority of them are going to proceed towards Wuchow and even further down the river, and that their final goal is Canton. This does not seem to be so unlikely when one considers that they did a very similar thing some three years ago.

The crux of the situation seems to be that while General Chan King-ming has lost in the east, he has at least temporarily gained material successes in the west.

The business men of Wuchow proclaim that they are fearing a prolonged war, and that there does not seem to be any relief in sight yet.

To-day there was 2 feet 6 in. of water on the tide gauges both at Wuchow and Dosing. This means that there is about the same amount of water on both the first and the second bar below Wuchow, namely, ten feet.

At Sam Shui there is 4 in. above zero on the tide gauge, which means just 12 feet on the bar.

CHAN'S REVERSES.

News received in Hongkong is to the effect that Chan King-ming has suffered a series of heavy reverses in the east. Wai-chow is being attacked by the Canton Government forces, who are stated to have seized Swabue, which is halfway between Hongkong and Swatow. It is further reported that General Lum Foo has deserted Chan and gone over with ten thousand troops to the other side.

CHINESE CUSTOM.

JUDGMENT IN WILL CASE.

Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court this morning, giving judgment in the case in which Chak Hok-ting, father-in-law, opposed the application of Chan Shan Shun-sho for letters of administration on the grounds that she was not a proper person under Chinese law and custom to have letters, held that as it had been the practice for many years past to grant letters of administration to Chinese widows of intestates it was too late to go into the proprieties of the practice.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., represented the father-in-law.

Mr. Potter agreed strongly, said the Chief Justice, that whatever the strict rights under the law of the Colony might be, the position of the widow in the Chinese social organisation rendered her appointment as administratrix inappropriate and urged that he should exercise the discretion of the Court in Chan Hok-ting's favour. He had very carefully considered the case and had come to the conclusion that the widow was entitled to letters.

His Lordship reserved the question of costs for further consideration.

SHARE MARKET.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. have kindly supplied us with the following cable quotations of Shanghai stocks from their Shanghai office:—

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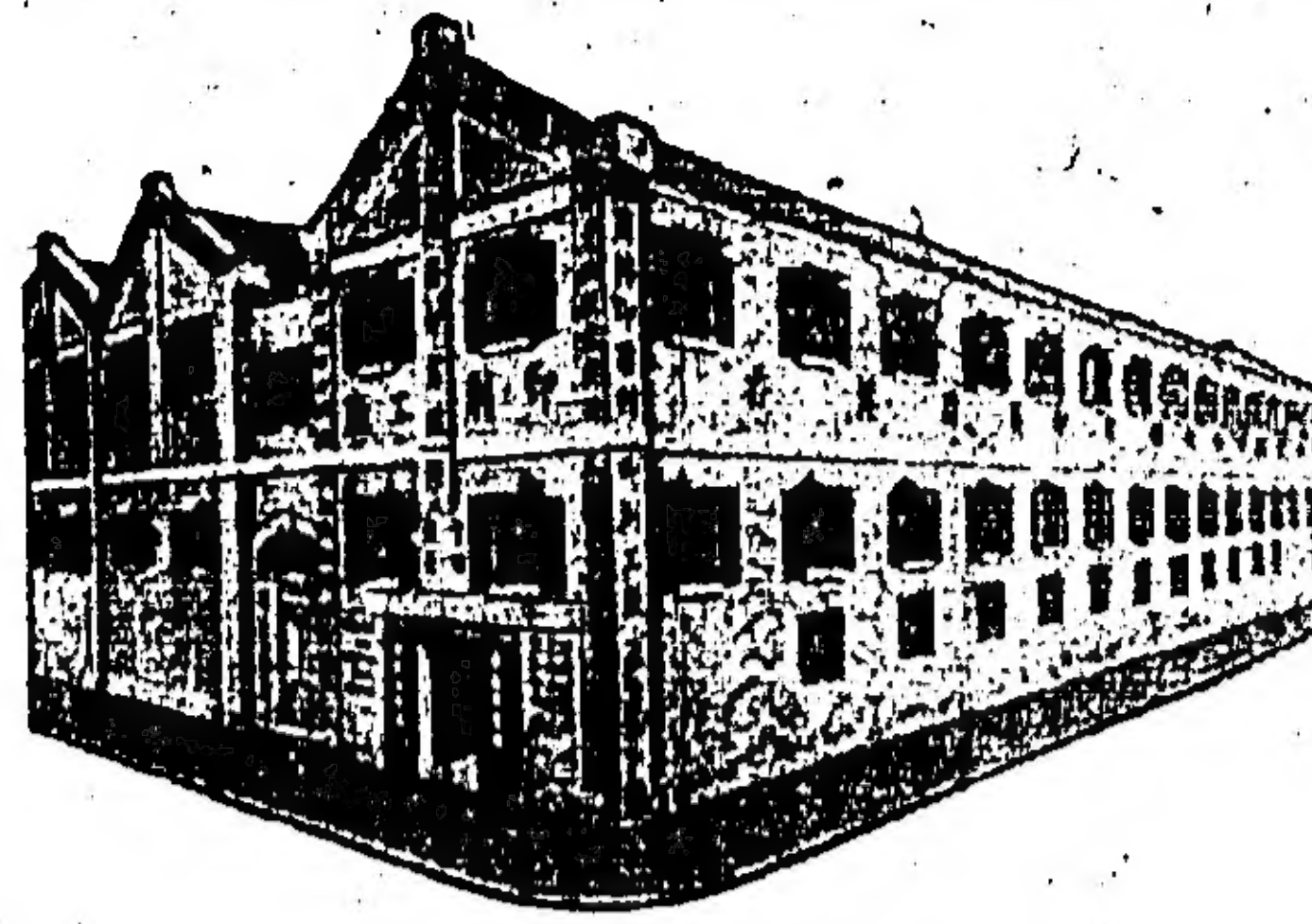
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A NEW PROPOSAL.

Paris, March 1.
It is reliably asserted that a proposal for a Franco-German guarantee pact was received by M. Herriot from Herr Stresemann ten days ago. The proposal is reported to be more general in its scope than Herr Cuno's offer of 1922, inasmuch as it fixes no limit of duration and does not discriminate between Germany's western and eastern frontiers and does not refer to the possibility of recourse to war after a plebiscite, but suggests that disputes should be arbitrated upon.

M. Herriot replied reserving his opinion pending consultation with the Allies.

The German proposal, which Herr Stresemann communicated simultaneously to the other Allies, has been earnestly discussed by the Allied chancelleries during the past week.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CHINESE MUTINY.

COMMANDERS IN FLIGHT.

Peking, March 1.
According to information given out by Hu Ching-yi's Peking representative, the troops of the former, under the command of Chang Fu-lai and Li Chi-chien, but subsequently recruited by Kan Yu-kun, have mutinied at Loyang, and Kan Yu-kun has fled, his whereabouts being unknown.

Hu Ching-yi's forces have surrounded Kan Yu-kun's troops at other places, and Hu Ching-yi has sent his divisional leader, Yeo Wei-chun, to Loyang to take control and restore order.

Yeo arrived at Loyang at eleven this morning.
The report adds that Liu Chen-Hua, hearing the report of the mutiny, has fled to Sianfu from Hsinhsiang.—Reuter.

LATE PRESIDENT EBERT.

TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY.

Berlin, March 1.
Thousands of torches illuminated the Tiergarten, through which the coffin of the late President Ebert, escorted by Reichswehr and police, passed at midnight from the nursing home to the Presidential palace, where it lies in state in a room draped with black and the colours of the Republic.

A memorial service in and outside the palace will be held on Wednesday, followed by a military parade and a later service in the Reichstag. The coffin will be sent by rail the same evening to Heidelberg, Herr Ebert's birthplace, for burial on Thursday.—Reuter.

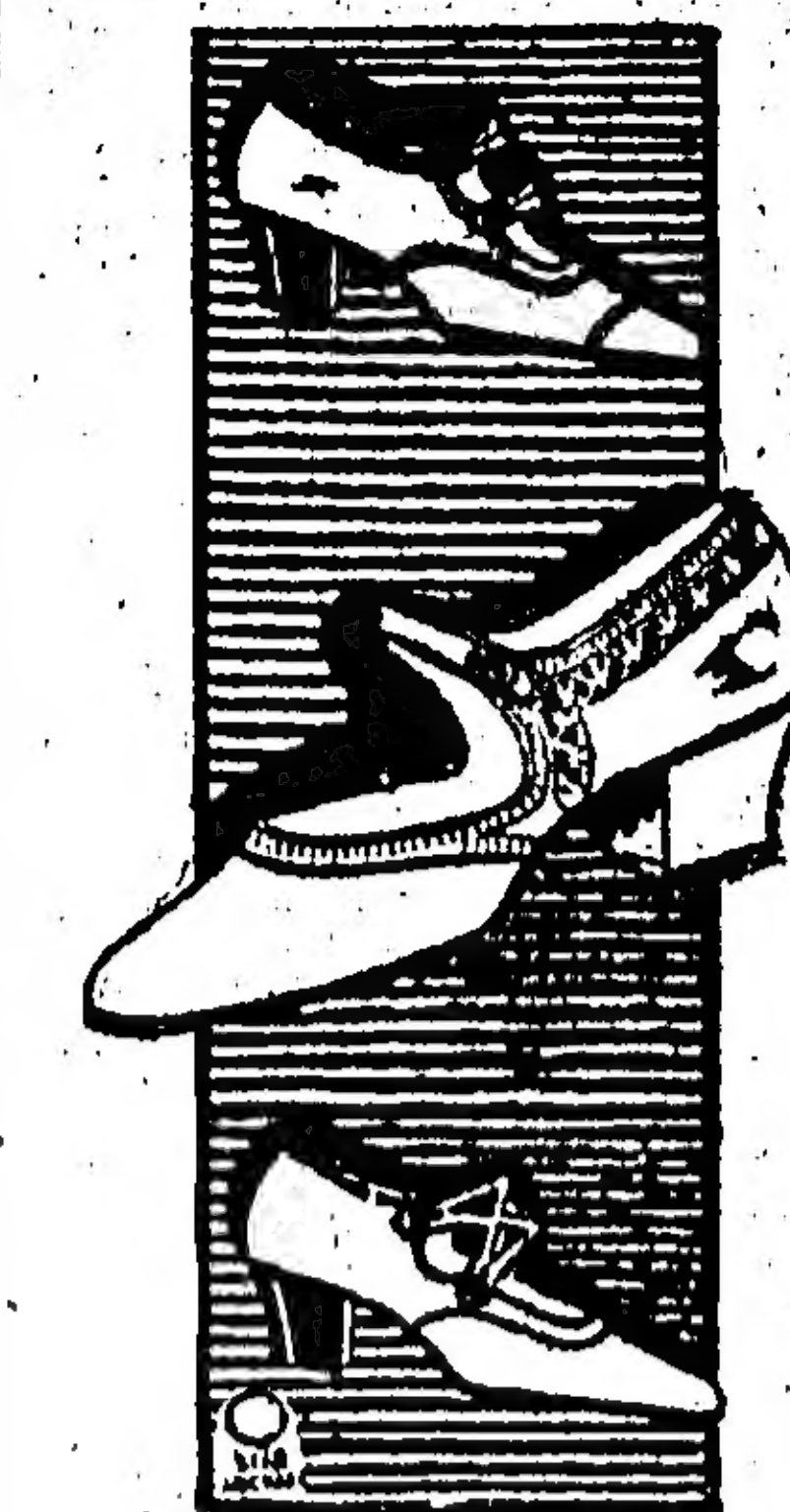
FRENCH DEBT.

CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Paris, March 1.
M. Herriot, in the course of a statement before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, on the subject of inter-Allied debt, said the French debt would have to be subject to a reduction equivalent to that which the French claim on Germany had sustained, and account must be taken of the British claim on Russia, whose lack of assets should not recoil on France.

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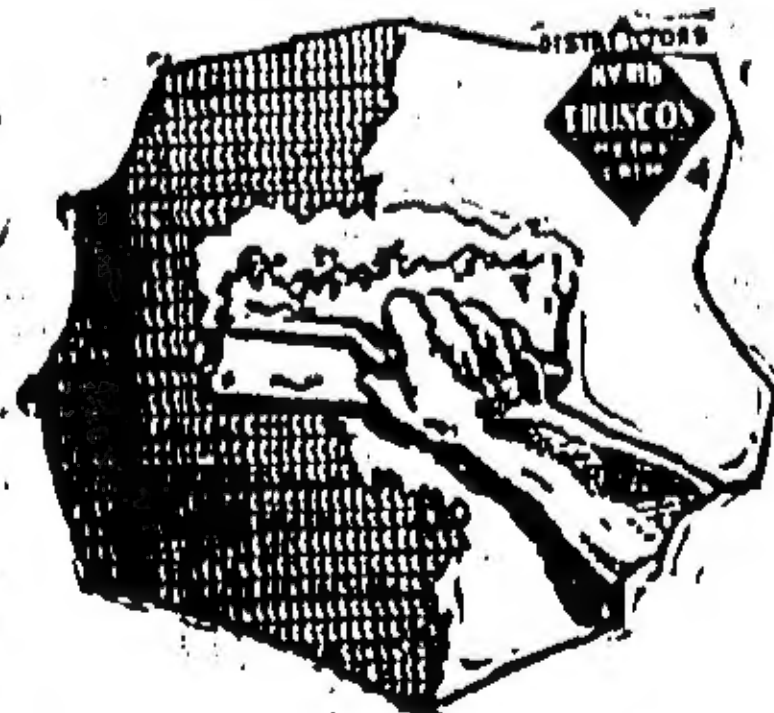
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CAMERA NEWS



SHANGHAI WEDDING.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai when Miss Mabel Mary Wright, sister of Mrs. A. E. Baker, of Shanghai, became the bride of Mr. Leopold Penrose Ridgway, of Shanghai. The bridal group is shown above.



RADIUM TREATMENT.—The Radium Institute has now brought non-paying patients within the scope of its indoor treatment. The preparation of radium at a specially constructed table. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



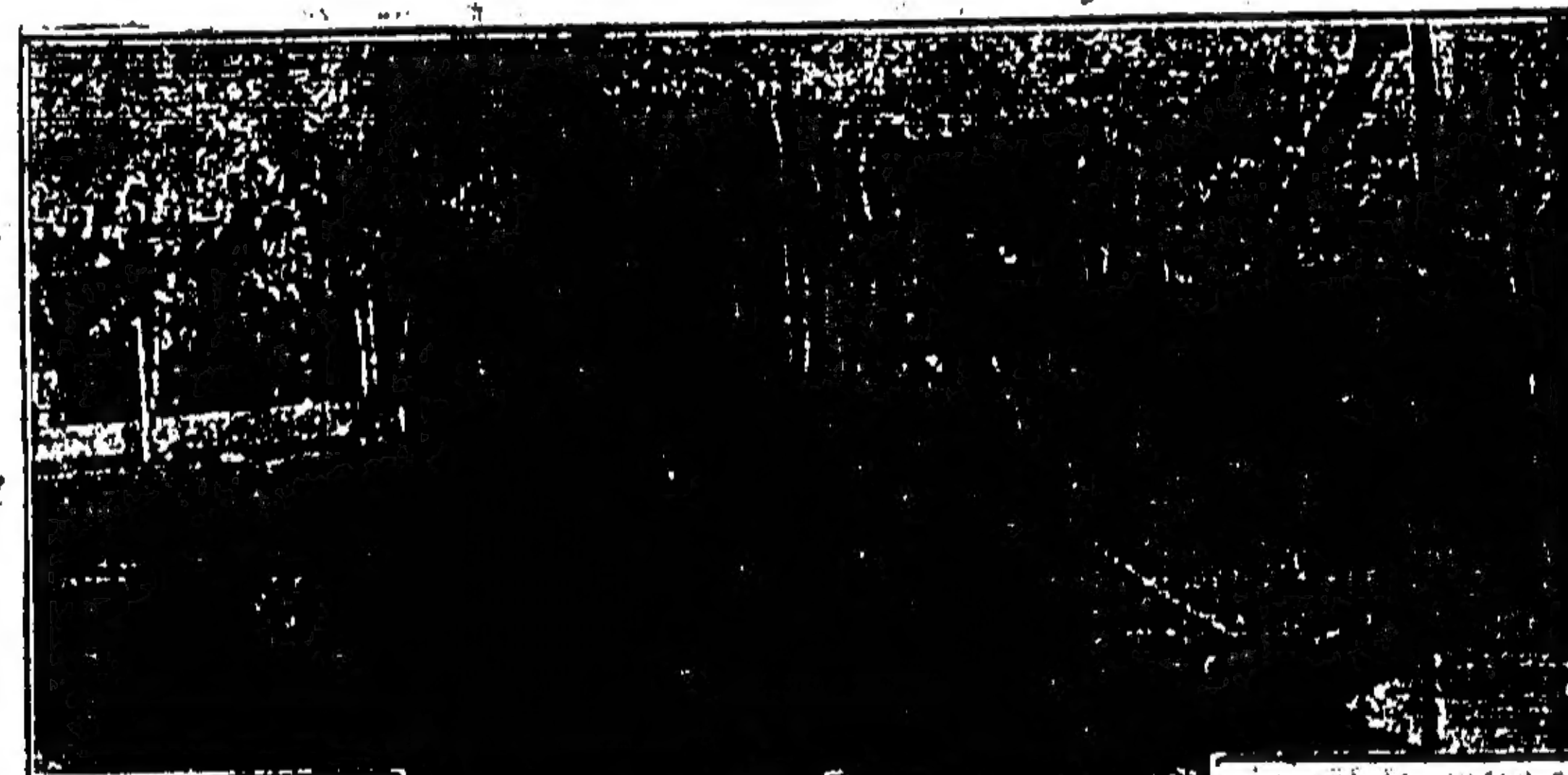
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE MUSEUM.—A signed portrait of Rossini, the composer. It was issued at the 500th performance of William Tell. ("The Times" copyright photograph)



RADIUM INSTITUTE.—Filling small tubes with radium for the introduction into growths in easily accessible situations for the treatment of disease at the Radium Institute. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE MUSEUM.—An amusing caricature of the famous Mrs. Billington as Mandane in "Artaxerxes". It was published in 1801. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



THE SPANISH RETREAT.—Spanish troops and Moorish Auxiliaries being taken off from the abandoned base camp in a boat of the type used for landing troops at Gallipoli during the attack on the peninsula. The Spanish forces evacuated all supplies, armaments, and munitions. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



SHANGHAI RACING.—On photograph shows a number of owners, jockeys and officials at the I.R.C. China New Year Race Meeting including Mr. Brodie Clarke, Chairman of the Stewards. Those in the picture (from left) are: Mr. O. Y. Ho, Mr. S. F. Yib (assistant starter), Mr. T. W. Yib, Brodie A. Clarke, Mr. K. K. Chang, Mr. J. Libu (jockey), Mr. H. E. Morris, Mr. E. Y. Sheng, Mr. T. T. Chow, and Mr. Z. W. Yu.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Our Food Supplies.

Sir,—The proposed Industrial Home in the New Territories, for orphan girls, particulars of which have appeared in your journal, will undoubtedly fill a long-felt want, i.e. the training, on modern lines, of young girls for an agricultural life. At present a very large number of girls from the orphan homes of this Colony marry farmers and vegetable gardeners, but are quite unfitted for the life by their training, which provides them in most cases merely with a simple vernacular education and a proficiency in needlework!

I see that the course of the new "Institute of Agriculture and Industry" will include agriculture, industries, poultry, pig and cattle rearing and home economics.

Messrs. Soares, A. and P. Leong and Wong Kwong-tin, and their associates are certainly to be congratulated on their services of an expert from the Philippines Agricultural College, but they are still more deserving of every encouragement and support in their more ambitious scheme to establish in the New Territories, near Shoungshui, a large farm to supply Hongkong and South China with pigs, poultry, vegetables, fruit, etc., reared and grown according to European methods and under expert supervision. From time to time hotels and individuals in Hongkong have been left to the far-seeing promoters of this scheme to meet a need which has been voiced for many years in the Hongkong press, i.e. the rendering of this Colony independent of Chinese territory as regards its food supply, and the providing at the same time of a food supply which, produced under expert supervision and in accordance with modern methods, can be confidently regarded as free from the many dangers of health which lurk in all food imported from Chinese territory and produced under the insanitary conditions prevailing in China.

The development of the project will undoubtedly be watched with interest by thousands of residents of this Colony and the neighbouring ports. If supported in its initial stages, as it deserves, it should be a success even beyond the most sanguine hopes of its enterprising promoters.

Yours, etc.,
M.D.R.

Hongkong, Feb. 28th, 1925.

Telephone Service.

Sir,—Since the new cable has been laid to Kowloon there is a wonderful improvement in the service. It is now quite easy to hear Kowloon subscribers over the phone. Indeed, one can get better results when telephoning to Kowloon than when speaking to a Hongkong subscriber. This fact suggests that there is something wrong with the cables on the Hongkong side. I am not a technical man, but the difference between Hongkong and Kowloon is now so much that there must be something wrong with the former service. Let us hope that the new Company will remedy any defects.

Yours etc.

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NO WEMBLEY RODEO.

Year's Exhibition.
In reply to a communication which he addressed to Sir Travers Clarke, of the Administrative Staff, Wembley Exhibition, on behalf of the Leeds Rodeo Protest Committee, of which he is hon. secretary, Mr. Henry B. Amos, has received the following letter from Mr. Frank Fox, Assistant Chief Administrator:—"In answer to your letter of January 13 to Sir Travers Clarke, you may accept it as definitely decided that there will be no Rodeo Exhibition at Wembley Park in 1925."

DAILY HUMOUR.



THE "UNEASY" CHAIR.
—Sunday Chronicle, Manchester.

TO-DAY'S FASHION.



Among the colourful frocks is this that uses black satin as a foil for red and white printed crepe de chine. The collar with its little ruffie tie and jabot divides honors with the interesting "shirt sleeve" cuff. Side drapes and hem band do their share to make the frock a success.

A DAY'S WORK.

Bricks, Granite or Mud.

There has been some discussion lately concerning a bricklayer who laid 879 bricks within an hour, which is at the rate of 4.10 sec. for each brick. Mr. J. E. Drower, a recognized authority on house-building, pointed out in the *Times* that such a feat could be achieved only by an exceptional man working under exceptional circumstances, with everything made easy for him. According to Mr. Drower, when shop stewards are present, men may lay as few as 300 bricks a day, though it is not uncommon to get 1,000 bricks a day laid if there is no interference on the part of trade unions.

Still, to lay even a thousand bricks a day is surely less exhausting than to crack a cubic yard of granite into road metal—a task regarded as a day's work. A "yard" of granite weighs just about a ton.

Probably either task is light compared with that of mud-pushers who may be seen following their vocation in the vicinity of Blackfriars. Standing in two or three feet of Thames mud and water, with an icy wind blowing on them across the river, the mud-pushers are engaged for five hours a day in clearing the foreshore with a huge awcoper. Their Sisyphean task is to prevent any accumulation of mud at the outlet (near Blackfriars Bridge) of the River Fleet, which now runs underground. During the weather experienced lately, mud-pushing must have been one of the most unpleasant jobs in London.

TALE OF THE TRAWLERS.

About nine or ten years ago the Labour Government in New South Wales decided that the time had come when it would build up a fishing industry on something like the gigantic scale of that in Newfoundland. Then Mr. Theodore became infected with the romance, and he came back from a visit to Sydney telling the newspaper men who were with him of the days when a fleet of trawlers would rush out to the ocean, spread their nets, gather up loads of fish, and race back to the city, where waiting trains would carry the fish to the country towns. He was cautious, however, and experimented with one trawler, and finally disposed of it what he could get. New South Wales gathered its "fleet" of trawlers and added heavily to its deficit. This is the story as told by the Agent-General in that State. The trawlers that cost £134,000, and were valued on the books of the State at £202,000, were shown to be worth £32,000 when sold in the open market. The trawlers and other "assets" which cost the State £206,755, were worth only £50,771 when the Government had to sell them. The total loss on the romance was £317,000. Thus ended a Labour dream, a vision, and the taxpayers are left to foot the bill. —Brisbane Courier.

CANINE FASHION.

New Dog From the East.

A dog that has heretofore been seen very little in this country, but which is now showing signs of coming into prominence, is the Persian Greyhound, or Afghan Hound.

These dogs, with their long faces and conspicuous "feathers" on ears, tail and feet, have been seen a good deal at recent shows, and have begun to attract the attention of dog lovers. They are really hunting dogs, extraordinarily fleet of foot—swifter, perhaps, than any dog that has ever been used for the chase in this part of the world. Some who have hunted with them in the East, however, say that they have a weakness in their timidity. They will seldom tackle, and practically never kill their quarry.

The Persian greyhound makes a charming pet, and is so distinguished looking, stately and graceful, that the most fastidious devotees of "style" in dogs would consider him an ornamental asset. There is something foreign about his appearance, something a little outlandish, even, something that seems to smack of another century and another continent. Instinctively one associates him with eastern magnificence with stately palaces, gardens and court-yards, with black slaves waving fans.

Yet the dogs themselves are the very reverse of unapproachable and are, indeed, most docile and affectionate. A kind word or caress will always evoke an answering "smile," and rebuff will be taken to heart with visible distress. They are dogs it is quite unnecessary to train with the whip.

The Afghan hound is perhaps hardly the ideal friend for a man who likes his dog to be a tough, game, rough-and-tumble sort of animal; for, sporting dog though he is, he is inclined to be delicate, and with very little encouragement to become soft. I once believed the bulldog to be the most comfort-loving of all dogs, but the Persian greyhound could give him points in the art of taking his ease.

My bulldog would always get on to my bed if he had the chance; but the Persian greyhound is positively the only dog I have ever known that will get under the bedclothes and stretch himself out with his head on the pillow and his feet on the hot-water bottle. —E. Kane Webb in *Daily News*.

TALL STORY.

Gunboat Requested to Destroy Seals.

A paragraph appeared in one of the London newspapers recently stating that a large number of seals had appeared in Nevin Bay, North Wales; that they had been busy destroying the fish, and had actually endeavoured to climb on board the fishermen's boats when the nets were being drawn in. It was added that the fishermen had appealed to the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries Joint Committee to send their gunboat to destroy the seals. Inquiries have failed to show any foundation for this remarkable story, and a correspondent, who wrote to the Superintendent of the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries District, has received the following reply:—"So far as I am aware there is no foundation for the reports which have recently appeared in the press with reference to seals in Nevin Bay. This Joint Committee has not got a gunboat, nor is their patrol steamer James Fletcher armed in any way; neither have I received any request for assistance. There are a few seals, which breed on Bardsey Island."

FLOWER GIRL'S "STRIKE."

A lightning "strike" was called among the flower girls round the fountain in Piccadilly-circus last month to protest against the intrusion of a coster woman with a basket of oranges. Laden with a large stock she took up her pitch at the foot of Eros and prepared to sell her wares. The flower girls were taken by surprise, but immediately they realised what was going on they began an agitation for her removal. An appeal was made to the police, who, discovering that the intruder had no licence, moved her on. Protesting vigorously that oranges were sweeter than violets, the woman then retired in the direction of Soho.



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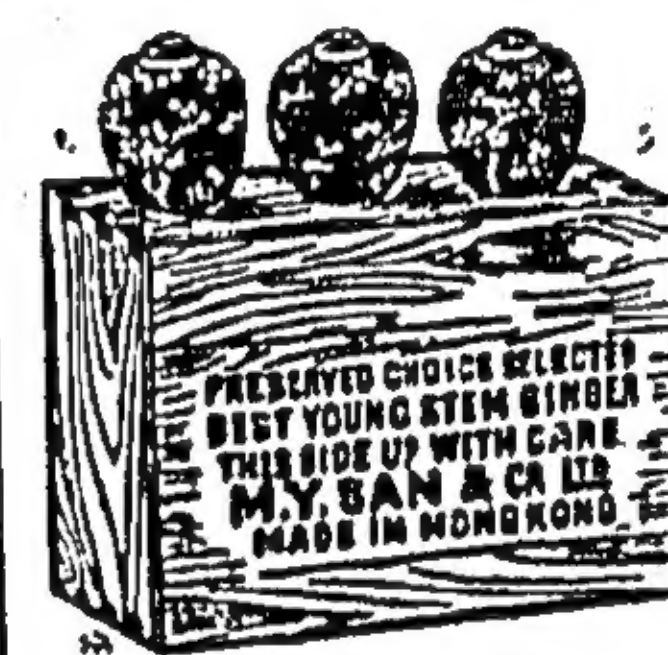
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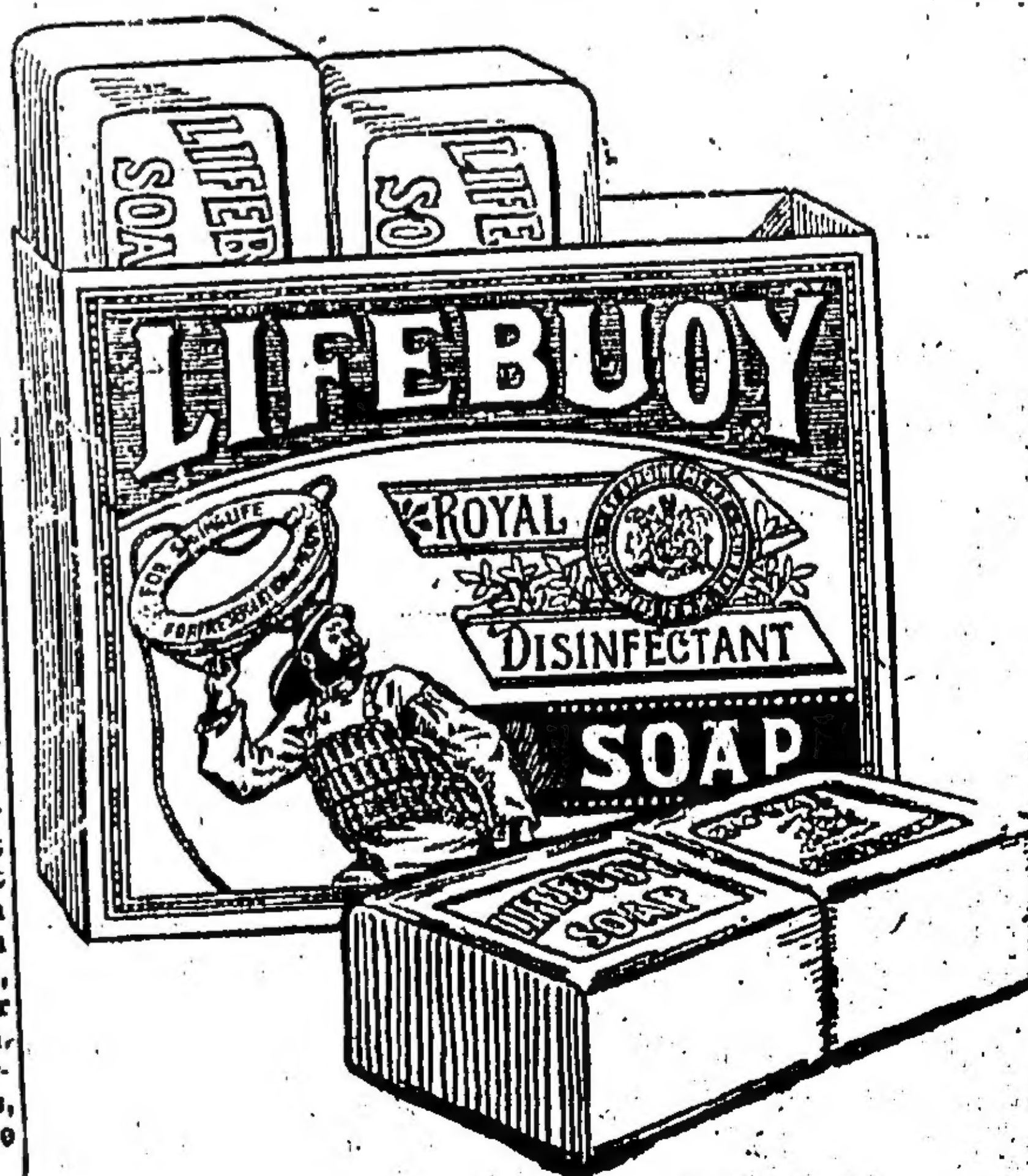
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Y' BETTER GET BACK OF THIS FENCE PURTY QUICK ALEK?

WHAT FOR? WHY SHOULD I GET BACK OF THAT FENCE?

WY, WILLIE JUST WENT BY AN' HE SAID HE NUZ GONNA COME BACK PURTY FOON WITH SOME SEALS!!

G'WAN! HERE HE COMES NOW!

JAY SAID YOU WUZ GONNA HAVE SOME SEALS WHEN YA COME BY HERE!

YEAH - I TOL' HIM THAT - I GOT SOME TOO!

ONEY THEY'RE CHRISTMAS SEALS AN' HE THINKS THEY'RE TA' KIND THAT EAT FISH!!

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HONGKONG
TELEPHONES.

AGREEMENT REACHED AT LAST.

FULL STATEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS.

TELEPHONES TO BE TAKEN OVER BY LOCAL COMPANY.

Particulars of the Terms.

With the advent of Sir George S. Gibb (the Chairman of the China & Japan Telephone & Electric Company Ltd., and of its parent company, the Oriental Telephone Company Ltd.) the negotiations for the acquisition of the telephone undertaking in Hongkong by a Company to be formed locally for that purpose (which unfortunately proved abortive when conducted with Sir George Gibb's predecessor, Mr. Parker Ness, who had visited the Colony three years ago) were revived in January, and we have been authorized to state that a settlement has now been provisionally arranged which, it is hoped, will prove satisfactory to all parties concerned.

The negotiations on behalf of local gentlemen interested in the formation of a Hongkong Telephone Company were conducted by Mr. J. H. Taggart, at the request of Sir Paul Chater, and we understand that the conduct of the negotiations between Mr. Taggart and Sir George Gibb was characterized throughout by a spirit of courtesy and goodwill in a genuine desire to appreciate and overcome the many difficulties created by the controversies that undoubtedly prejudiced the case when, as our readers will probably remember, it was under discussion on the former occasion.

An Exchange Question.

Mr. Taggart prepared schedules to explain the manner in which he had arrived at a figure for the acquisition of the undertaking as a going concern, viz: that the proposed new Company should take over all the Assets (including profits for the year 1924) and Liabilities of the present Company as from the 1st January, 1925, for a purchase consideration of \$1,431,396 (afterwards increased to \$1,467,591 as explained in Mr. Taggart's letter of the 2nd February, 1925, to Sir George Gibb). Meetings between Sir George Gibb and Mr. Taggart took place practically daily, but an agreement on the basis above proposed was not found practicable, inasmuch as Sir George Gibb asked for an addition of \$103,776 to be made to the figure of \$1,431,396 in order to reconcile a question of rates of exchange. The proposed purchase consideration of \$1,431,396 equalled £178,924. 10/- when taken at \$8.00 to the pound (the rate adopted by the Telephone Company in its annual accounts of recent years), but its sterling equivalent would not be so much as £178,924. 10/- (representing £4.10/- per share) at the current rate (say \$8.68/-); therefore, Sir George Gibb asked that the figure which had been suggested as a basis of settlement, subject to adjustment on the figures shown in the 1924 Balance Sheet, should be increased from \$1,431,396 to \$1,535,172. Mr. Taggart admitted that if the purchase consideration were to be paid wholly in cash, and the present company required sterling, then £178,924. 10/- would, at the current rate of exchange, cost the new company approximately \$1,535,172 (the figure now asked for by Sir George Gibb), but contended that as it was proposed to satisfy \$1,400,000 of the purchase consideration by the issue of 140,000 shares of \$10 each in the new company, credited as fully-paid up, no exchange question arose, except for a small balance of about \$30,000, no actual cash would be passing. Apart from this question, it appeared that Sir George Gibb did not fully realise that the purchase consideration proposed was arrived at on a basis which would give the new company the profits of the business for 1924, for he wished to reserve \$93,10 for payment of a dividend in respect of that year.

The Plant.

Therefore, on the 28th January, when a meeting was held in Sir Paul Chater's office (attended by Sir George Gibb, the local gentlemen interested in the formation of a company in Hongkong, representatives of the Government and the local Chamber of Commerce), the position was that Mr. Taggart was prepared to recommend (subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Government for a fifty years' franchise to a

locally formed company, and for approved rates which would provide a reasonable minimum return to the shareholders), that the meeting should approve that the purchase consideration to be paid to the existing company by the Hongkong company proposed to be formed be based upon the statements he had prepared (and which had already generally been approved as being fair and reasonable), whereas Sir George Gibb on behalf of the Telephone Company was not prepared to accept \$1,431,396 as a basis, but was willing to agree to \$1,535,172—plus, presumably, the amount required for 1924 dividend.

On the question of purchase consideration this meeting proved abortive. One important point transpired, however, with reference to the Plant, and that was that it would be necessary for it to be subjected to thorough tests before being taken over by the new company, as the Government was not altogether satisfied as to its condition. In order not to complicate the negotiations unduly, Mr. Taggart had proceeded on the assumption that the Plant was in good and efficient working order (as the Company claim it to be), but it would of course require to be technically examined and satisfactorily reported upon before being purchased. Matters having reached the stage above indicated, Sir George Gibb on the 30th January addressed the following letter to Mr. Taggart:—

The Terms.

Hongkong, January 30, 1925.
Dear Mr. Taggart.—I think it is desirable and, in order to avoid the possibility of any misunderstanding hereafter that I should record in writing, as I have done on the enclosed statement, the terms on which I am willing to agree.—Yours very truly,
(Signed) GEORGE S. GIBB.
J. H. TAGGART, Esq.

Hongkong, January 30, 1925.
Terms to which Sir George S. Gibb on behalf of the existing Company is willing to agree with the Hongkong Syndicate, subject to approval of the Shareholders.

1. It is proposed to form a new Company, to be registered in Hongkong, with an issued capital of \$5,000,000 in 500,000 shares of \$10, to purchase and carry on the undertaking of the existing Company, to get an extension for 50 years of the term of the existing licence, to get an immediate increase of the authorised flat rate from £10 or its equivalent in dollars per Exchange Line to \$103, and to get authority to charge on a message rate basis, either on or before completion of the proposed new plant and extensions, rates which will be adequate to enable the new Company to pay a minimum dividend at the rate of 9% per annum on their issued capital after making all usual proper reserves.

2. The price to be paid for the whole of the shares in the existing Company, 39,761 shares of \$1 each, to be \$1,483,280, payable as follows:—
140,000 fully paid shares of \$10 in the new Company \$1,400,000
Cash 83,280
\$1,483,280

3. The purchasers to take all assets and pay all liabilities of the existing Company as from the 1st January, 1925, subject to payment to the existing Company for the balance of the net revenue account for the year 1924 after deduction therefrom of \$7,500 as reserves for credit of the Debenture Sinking Fund and Staff Pension Fund accounts.

4. The Oriental Telephone & Electric Company Limited, who are the owners of 38,077 of the shares of the existing Company, to have the right of nominating two Directors of the new Company, one of whom may act and attend Board meetings by substitute.

5. The Oriental Co. to be the sole agents for a reasonable period, to be agreed, for the purchase of requirements of the new Company outside Hongkong and New Territories, China and Japan.

Mr. Taggart's Reply.
It will be observed from paragraphs 2 and 3 of Sir George Gibb's statement that he was then willing to reduce the figure of \$1,535,172 to \$1,483,280 (by having the figure of \$103,776 which he originally claimed as an addition to the proposed purchase consideration of \$1,431,396), but that the profits for 1924 were to be retained by the present company; whereas, according to Mr. Taggart's basis any sums withdrawn by the Company in order to pay a dividend, to pay income tax, or for any other purpose would (by reason of Assets then being reduced) result in a reduction of the purchase consideration represented by \$1,431,396.

The following is a copy of Mr. Taggart's reply:
Hongkong, February 2, 1925.
Sir George S. Gibb, Kt.,
Chairman of the
China & Japan Tel. &
Electric Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong.

Dear Sir George,—Replying to your letter of the January 30, 1925, covering a statement setting forth the terms upon which you are prepared (subject of course to confirmation by your shareholders) to dispose of a going concern of the undertaking of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, to a new Company to be formed in Hongkong; on receipt of which I again placed the matter before the gentlemen interested with me in the proposed formation of a local company, I have to inform you that, as the result of our consideration of your statement, the terms outlined therein are not found acceptable.

You will doubtless recollect that the difficulty with which I was confronted in the matter of recommending that we should meet you as regards the difference of \$103,776 was my inability to reconcile an increase to the assets side of the Schedule No. 5 (setting out the manner in which I had arrived at a purchase consideration of \$1,427,371—then increased by \$4,025, as explained in Schedule No. 5a, to \$1,431,396), in such a way as justifiably to account for the \$103,776 in question.

Your suggestion to the effect that such increase should be placed to the figure I had arrived at for the plant, etc., and thus augment my figure of \$1,165,000 by \$103,776 is, unfortunately, for such argument, impracticable, for I find that so far from being able to justify an increase to that item I have, if anything, already erred on the side of liberality, inasmuch as the letter I received from the Government in which the figure for plant is indicated as not to exceed \$900,000, is under date June, 1923, whereas the Company has already benefited by my having taken the \$900,000 value as at 1922. Consequently I conceded a point in allowing the "Net additions, £18,464" for the year 1922. However, in view of the fact that the state of the plant is to be subject to the Government representative's report (as the result of the decision of the meeting held on Wednesday, the 28th ultimo) provided such report is to the effect that the plant is satisfactory, and that nothing arises to occasion a material revision of the \$1,165,000 figure, I now think of reducing it. I am aware that you claim the additions to plant made in 1924, but as I have pointed out in Schedule No. 5a, the 1924 additions were taken into account in arriving at my estimated valuation, but were offset by depreciation to December 31, 1924—that is to say, that assuming the equivalent of £13,000 to be added in respect of 1924 additions, then at least an equal sum for Depreciation should be deducted from the price in order to arrive at the net to be included for the plant as it stands to-day (vide Schedule No. 5a).

A Concession.

In the matter of the properties, admittedly you have some justification in contending that I should have taken the Duddell Street property at the valuation given to you by Mr. Bird (i.e. \$60 per sq. ft.), whereas for reasons already explained (based on the fact of our inability to dispose of the property so long as the Central exchange is located in the building), I deemed it prudent to take the basis as \$55 per sq. ft., and I still consider the latter figure a very fair one. However, it is thought that it might perhaps be considered somewhat unreasonable for a local company to decline to agree to a valuation made by a local architect of the professional standing of Mr. Bird; therefore, we are prepared to concede this point, thereby increasing the figure of \$456,140 for Land and Buildings by \$36,195 to \$491,335, and, in turn, the purchase con-

sideration shown by Schedule No. 5, from \$1,431,396 to \$1,467,591. In view of the fact that the figure to which you are now prepared to agree is \$1,433,280 (should read \$1,483,280), the apparent difference between us is therefore reduced to \$15,693. Consequently, I am of the opinion, and I trust that you will agree, that our negotiations have now reached a stage at which the outstanding difficulties should not prove a serious obstacle to a final and harmonious settlement.

At this juncture I deem it opportune definitely to make it clear to you that further concessions on the part of those for whom I act cannot in the circumstances now reasonably be expected. Moreover, I feel confident that if you will view in retrospect the protracted negotiations dating from the visits of Mr. Parker Ness (and the lengthy and involved reports, discussions and correspondence consequent thereon) to the present time, you will undoubtedly arrive at the conclusion that your Company cannot now so detrimentally affect its own interests as to decline a settlement tendered on a basis considered by the leading men of this Colony (many of whom are in positions that preclude them from taking benefit financially in any way from a settlement that might unduly favour the proposed new company), to be not only a fair but an exceedingly reasonable one. I venture to express this opinion, not in an endeavour to influence you against your own judgment in the case, but that you may fully realise the prejudicial effect that would thereby be created in the minds of the local public (who, it must be remembered, will be shareholders in the Hongkong company whether it be promoted by you or by us, and on whom the Company must depend for its source of revenue).

Difficulty of Assessing Assets.

Furthermore, with all deference I submit that your Company has already laid itself open to severe criticism by reason of its conflicting statements made by its representatives from time to time: this is substantially supported by the authoritative statement made at the meeting held on the 28th ultimo to the effect that Mr. Parker Ness informed the Government in March, 1920, that the Company was being run at a loss—in fact, even two years later, Mr. Parker Ness actually gave the Government to understand that the concern was practically bankrupt. Furthermore, at the meeting particular stress was laid upon the fact that Committees appointed to report on the telephone question were always confronted with the same difficulty in endeavouring to assess the value of the assets; namely, that the company had not disclosed the exact position of affairs. It is indeed remarkable that the Company, having at its disposal an experienced technical staff and Mr. Parker Ness being so fully aware of the fact that the value of the plant was necessarily the main point at issue, has not even yet, despite the fact that three years have elapsed, produced data setting forth the basis upon which the Company itself arrives at a plant valuation—neither does it appear that the Company has attached sufficient importance to the negotiations as to produce schedules showing the method by which its Balance Sheet figures have been arrived at. The absence of such particulars and consequent paucity of information has inevitably created an atmosphere of doubt and, to say the least, has rendered it exceedingly difficult to those lacking the necessary technical knowledge of the plant to formulate definite ideas as to the actual present-day value thereof. Such attitude on the part of the present Company leaves no alternative but for us to proceed on the basis of the figure of \$900,000 indicated by the Government.

There are one or two other points in your statement indicating that we are not ad idem, for instance:

In paragraph No. 1 you refer to charges "on a message rate basis either on or before completion of the proposed new plant and extensions." The questions of plant, extensions, rates and so on, as I have emphasised several times in the course of our discussions, must be dealt with entirely by the new Company unfettered by any ideas preconceived either by your Company or by any other person interested in this matter at the moment, in which relation it must be obvious that we cannot commit a local public utility company to any particular line of policy at this juncture, our sole objective at this stage of the proceedings being the acquisition

of the present undertaking conditional, *inter alia*, upon a satisfactory understanding being reached with the authorities on the questions of the basis upon which the new Company would be permitted to operate. Therefore the actual formation of the local Company is necessarily subject to this contingency.

The Purchase of Shares.

Then again, paragraph No. 2 refers to a price to be paid for the whole of the shares in the existing Company (39,761 shares of \$1 each). I must again emphasize that it is not the intention of those interested in the formation of a Hongkong Company to purchase shares in the existing Company; the figure I recommended as the purchase consideration represents the consideration in dollars (\$1,400,000 of which will be satisfied by the issue of shares in the new Company) for the taking over of the business as a going concern. We propose to purchase the undertaking, not shares in the Company.

Turning to paragraph 5, this raises a further question upon which I am likewise precluded from binding the new Company, and whilst I have no reason to doubt that the new Company would naturally avail itself of the services of the Oriental Telephone Company as its agents, nevertheless this is a matter which cannot be dealt with at this stage of the negotiations.

If, after having given the above proposal your careful consideration, you are still unable to see your way clear to effecting an agreement on the lines now indicated, it occurs to me that a basis of settlement whereby practically all the difficulties encountered in connection with our endeavours to effect an agreement following the course we have hitherto pursued, may possibly be arrived at by adopting the alternative method we tentatively discussed in an earlier part of the negotiations. I refer to the suggestion that the proposed new company should take over the business of the existing Company as a going concern on July 1, 1925. If that method were adopted, I suggest that the definite form which it should take should be as follows:

Subject to the report of the Hongkong Government's representative being satisfactory to those proposing to form a local company, the value of the plant be taken as \$ 1,155,000
Plus net additions made during the six months from January 1, 1925, to June 30, 1925
Land and Buildings (as mentioned on page 3 of the letter) 491,335
Stores in hand and in transit at June 30, 1925, at a valuation to be agreed upon
The resultant figure being settled by the issue of one hundred and forty thousand Ordinary Shares of \$10 each, credited as fully paid up, and the balance of the purchase consideration being paid in cash.

The new company would not, under this alternative scheme, take over the profits, cash balances, debtors, creditors, debentures, or any of the liabilities of the existing Company.

Difficulties Cleared Away.

I venture to think that as many of the difficulties which originally appeared to be in the way of its adoption have, during our closely pursued and detailed discussions been cleared away, it has much to commend it. I cannot help thinking that it is now the best way in which we can arrive at a final settlement and that it would avoid the possibility of any questions arising as to the allocations of profits to the date of the transfer of the undertaking (June 30, 1925). I have also in mind that by pursuing this course, the present Company might not be under the necessity of going into liquidation, but that should its Directorate so decide it might continue in being (otherwise, of course, than operations in the Colony of Hongkong and territories in South China are concerned), substituting for its present assets the holding of shares in the new Hongkong company.

I do not lose sight of the fact that this suggestion did not appeal to you at the time I first mentioned it, but in the light of the present circumstances, I am inclined to look upon it as the logical one to follow. Nevertheless, should it still not appeal to you, I trust you will realise that, in again submitting it I am merely actuated by a desire to do all I can to bring matters to a successful conclusion rather than that all our negotiations should now prove abortive.

It would be a matter of some gratification to me personally to see our discussions result in a settlement likely to be round to the credit of all parties and I know that you yourself would be none the less delighted at so happy a result.

In conclusion, I desire to avail myself of this opportunity of thanking you for the spirit of courtesy that has, throughout our negotiations, characterised the presentation of your case and for the tolerance you have evinced in all our conversations by so patiently listening to the various angles of argument I have deemed it necessary to place before you, in which relation I wish to assure you that should our united efforts result in bringing matters to a successful issue, and you enter into the new company on the lines I have had the honour to submit to you, then you need have no hesitation in placing reliance on the whole-hearted co-operation of my colleagues and myself in leaving no stone unturned with a view to the promotion of the welfare of the new Company on lines beneficial to the public and all others concerned.—I am, dear Sir George, Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J. H. TAGGART.

Sir George Gibb Agrees.

Sir George Gibb then called upon Mr. Taggart and said he was prepared to agree to the alternative basis of settlement and would so confirm his decision in writing. In the meantime, Mr. Taggart handed to Sir George Gibb for his consideration a statement outlining suggestions for a draft Conditional Agreement.

On February 3 Sir George Gibb expressed his approval of the suggestions for an Agreement, and handed to Mr. Taggart the following letter:

Hongkong, February 3, 1925.
Dear Mr. Taggart.—I have received your letter of the 2nd instant and I am obliged to you for having replied so promptly and so fully to my letter of the January 30.

Your letter contains some things which, if I were in a controversial mood, I could present in a light very different from that in which your extremely able advocacy has presented them. But the business with which we have to deal is too serious and urgent for me to yield to any temptation, by answering in detail, points of controversy which we have verbally discussed through many days, to spoil my recognition of the reasonable spirit in which you make a final effort to bring to a practical business-like conclusion the strenuous endeavours we have made to find a satisfactory settlement of the telephone situation, which, although essentially simple, had become so difficult and complex as nearly to baffle our attempts to clear it up.

I will therefore confine myself to saying that I am glad, from many points of view, to be able, on behalf of my Board and of course subject to shareholders' approval, to agree to the terms set forth in pages 8 and 9 of your letter.

I trust that I may be permitted to add two remarks. Firstly that I greatly regret, and I am sure that in this I am also expressing the feeling of my colleagues on the Board of my Company, that any impression should exist that the Company did not, on a previous occasion, produce any data setting forth the basis upon which they had arrived at their valuation of plant. It rather puzzles me to understand how that impression can have arisen, for I know that the Company took the step of sending to Hongkong their Consulting Engineer, Mr. W. W. Cook, a telephone expert of the highest eminence, who made valuations, in complete detail and at great labour and cost, of the then value of the Company's plant on the established basis which would be adopted by any arbitration tribunal who had to assess the value of telephone plant. Mr. Cole of Shanghai, as the Telephone Committee stated in their report, made a similar valuation, on behalf of the Government, and, so far as the records show, all facilities and information were granted to him for the purpose. These valuations, perhaps naturally, did not come out at the same figure. I confess that, in my experience, such valuations, in which many of the factors must be matters of opinion, rarely do agree. But all the facts are there; it was only the opinions which could not be reconciled. You and I, following different methods, have found a way to peace, and, I hope, to the provision in the immediate future of ample telephone accommodation under local direction, and by the co-operation of capital from our Home country with local capital, for the rapidly growing needs of Hongkong and the New Territories in South China.

The second remark which I wish to make is that, in fairness to my colleague, Mr. Parker Ness, it must be remembered that in the year before his visit to Hongkong the Company had in fact only earned a net credit balance of \$2,251, on revenue account, and were unable to pay any dividend. This was due to the combined effect of the heavy increase in working expenses, a common feature throughout the world, and the depreciation of Sterling, in which currency the Company's charges have, for some years, been collected.

I wish in conclusion, to cordially reciprocate the courteous and pleasant acknowledgments and good wishes which are expressed in your letter. We have, during these few weeks, had some hard tussles in our efforts on behalf of the interests which we were each bound to safeguard, but in our negotiations there has never been a single harsh word spoken which need cause regret to either of us. And I believe that we really have succeeded in reaching a fair and just conclusion, mainly because we have both frankly realised that we were dealing with the affairs of a public service undertaking, which could not safely be based on any foundation other than one which was practicable and reasonable from the several points of view of the general public, who are our customers; the investors who provide the capital, both existing and future; and the Government, whose sanction is necessary, as the guardian of all interests concerned.—I am, Yours sincerely,
(Signed) GEORGE S. GIBB.

J. H. Taggart, Esq.

Application to Government.

It was then arranged that the basis of agreement thus tentatively arrived at, and the scheme under which it was suggested that the new company should operate, be submitted for approval to the Government (with whom the parties had been in close touch throughout the negotiations) and the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Consequently a meeting was held at the office of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on February 9, and was attended by the Committee of the Chamber (Mr. G. M. Young being in the Chair in the absence of Mr. J. Owen Hughes through indisposition), the gentlemen who in 1922 formed the Joint Chambers of Commerce Telephone Sub-Committee (with the lamentable exception, of course, of Mr. A. R. Lowe), Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Assistant Colonial Secretary) on behalf of the Government, Sir George S. Gibb, the gentlemen interested in the proposed formation of a local company, etc.

It was stated at that meeting that the promoters of the new company proposed to submit to the Government an application for a telephone franchise covering a period of fifty years and providing a minimum net return to the company of 8 per cent. per annum. The promoters had had a minimum return of 9 per cent. in view, but as the Government considered that 8 per cent. was a more reasonable figure they had been quite willing to adjust their views accordingly. It was proposed that the new franchise should sanction rates which it is estimated will prove sufficient to ensure such minimum return to the company after payment of expenses, depreciation, reserve, etc. on a reasonable basis, and in this connection if the new company is duly formed and commences operations for the second half of this year, the rate per Exchange Line will probably be \$108 from July 1, 1925, instead of \$10 per annum (approximately \$84) as at present. In estimating the rate necessary to be charged to ensure satisfactory working of the new company, it was found that approximately \$108 per Exchange Line would provide an economical return, and, as a matter of fact, the rate of \$108 per annum is that recommended by the Telephone Sub-Committee 1922 for the year 1924, so that in being charged the rate of \$108, the public will have had the benefit of the \$10 rate for eighteen months longer than was anticipated three years ago. Should the rates sanctioned result in a return to the new company of more than the minimum of 8 per cent. per annum but not more than 12 per cent, the benefit will accrue to the Company, but any excess of profit above 12 per cent. is to be divided as to half to the company and half to be applied (in some manner to be agreed upon) for the benefit of subscribers. The Company's maximum net divisible return, however, is to be 15 per cent. per annum. It is reasonably expected that the rate of \$108 will remain in force.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HERR EBERT DEAD.

COUNTRY CONFRONTED WITH DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

An Election Within Six Weeks.

Berlin, February 28.

Herr Ebert's condition this morning is regarded as hopeless. This morning's bulletin came as a great shock, particularly in view of last night's report that Herr Ebert's condition was improving. The sudden worsening was due to aggravation of peritonitis. At five o'clock this morning, for a moment the patient's vitality and resistance was at a low ebb.

Later.

Herr Ebert is dead. He died without regaining consciousness. His wife and children and the Secretary of State, Herr Meisner, were at his bedside.

General mourning has been ordered for Herr Ebert, the former sapper, whose dignity and tact in six years' occupation of the highest position in the State enhanced the prestige he always enjoyed. His death confronts the country with a difficult problem. The Presidential elections occur in April or May. There is a lack of suitable candidates. Among political leaders the names of the Conservative ex-Speaker Wallraf, General Mackensen, Luther, Marx and the Socialist Loebbe are mentioned. Herr Luther has the advantage of being acting President. His election will signify a Conservative victory. Herr Marx will have the support of a section of the Republicans, but the fact that he is a Roman Catholic may prejudice his chances. Moreover Luther, Marx and Stresemann are all held responsible for the scandal in connection with the compensation paid to Ruhr magnates after the French occupation. Much depends on whether each party will nominate its own candidate, or whether different parties will agree on a common candidate. The reactionary parties may do so, but an agreement between the Republican parties is unlikely. This extraordinary position exists owing to the failure of the founders of the German Constitution to provide proper legal machinery for the election of a new President in the interregnum necessary till the Reichstag passes a law providing the election of President by plebiscite.

Contrary to the interpretation of the German constitution contained in an earlier message from Berlin, a further telegram states that it is anticipated the elections of President by plebiscite will be held within six weeks under an article of the Constitution which necessitates a candidate securing more than half the votes polled before being elected. Thus, a further election will be necessary in the event of a candidate failing to get an absolute majority over all others.—*Reuter*.

Berlin is deeply moved by Herr Ebert's death and manifestations of respect are everywhere apparent. All theatres and cinemas have been closed, race meetings cancelled, and performance of music in public places prohibited until after Wednesday. Only solemn music may be broadcasted.

King George was among the earliest to transmit condolences to the family. The French President, Prime Minister and President of the Senate also conveyed their sympathies and remarkable tributes were paid by the capitalist and reactionary press.

Nevertheless there is an undercurrent of anxiety among the Democrats lest Herr Ebert's death precipitate a conflict between Republicans and Monarchists.

The London Sunday papers refer to the dead President in high terms and dwell upon his tact, moderation and good sense, which they consider had no little part in what internal strength the German Republic attained.—*Reuter*.

OIL DEPOT EXPLODES.

TERRIBLE AFFAIR AT RIO.
THREE THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED.

Many Casualties.

Rio de Janeiro, February 28.

Up to the present it has been ascertained that over one hundred have been killed and six hundred injured as the result of an explosion at the oil depot at Niteroy, a suburb of Rio. Three thousand houses have been destroyed.

The explosions, of which there were fifty in the space of two hours, occurred in a warehouse at Caju Island, near Niteroy, where considerable quantities of dynamite, petrol and kerosene were stored. Ignition was due to the heat from a burning lighter moored near by. The victims are chiefly Brazilian labourers and firemen. Many deaths are reported from fright. The roof of the Phoenix Theatre at Rio crashed in.

Rio de Janeiro, March 1.

The death toll in the Caju explosion is not so high as feared in the confusion of the moment. Though it was known that at least ten were killed and three hundred injured, many workmen on the island saved their lives by flight, foreseeing the inevitable explosion when the lighters caught fire. Cargoes of petrol and kerosene were spread on the waters in the harbour.—*Reuter's American Service*.

AMERICA AND THE PACIFIC.

AN UNFORTUNATE POSITION.

Japan Could Seize Philippines in a Fortnight.

Washington, February 28.

Testifying before the Aircraft Committee, Admiral Sims asserted that the aeroplane would hold the key to the next war. "If Japan attacked Hawaii with a fleet of twelve aeroplane carriers and other auxiliary craft without battleships, she would have an advantage over the American battleships." He was of the opinion that the American position in the Pacific was unfortunate. "If we are to protect the Philippines we must have a base in the Pacific. It is absolutely essential that this line of communication should be kept open, and if Guam is seized we shall be unable to go to the Philippines until it is recaptured. We shall be unable to go by Guam, as it will leave our whole line open to attack."

Admiral Sims said that if Guam were defended our fleet could refuel there and then go to the Philippines. He was of the opinion that the United States should not have taken up the position at the Washington armament conference that prevented it fortifying Guam, but military men thought it best to enter into an agreement with Japan about naval bases in the Pacific as they could not get the money to defend it.

He declared that the armaments race was still going on. Great Britain had fifty cruisers and Japan thirty built or building, Japan had also laid down about eighty-three thousand tons of submarines since the war.

Mr. Sullivan, of the House of Representatives, said that General Mitchell had been severely criticised for saying the Philippines could be seized in a fortnight. He asked Admiral Sims for his opinion.

The latter replied: "I quite agree," but added later that he thought it most improbable Japan would ever take them.—*Reuter's*

EYEWASH AND WHITWASH.

COMMENTS ON TRADE UNION DELEGATION'S REPORT.

Biting Criticisms From Liberal Papers.

London, February 28.

The report of the Trade Union delegation to Russia evokes caustic comment in most quarters and is variously described as eyewash and Soviet whitewash. Most biting criticisms come from the Liberal papers.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that from end to end the report is evidence of stage management, which began at the frontier and continued throughout the whole tour. The delegates had to depend upon interpreters who were specially selected Englishmen because of known Bolshevik sympathies.

The *Westminster Gazette* points out that the delegates had little time to see much for themselves, in view of the wide area they covered and the functions organised in their honour. The document is so worded as to please both wings of the Labour Party.

The *Daily Herald* hails the report as affording light at last. The *Morning Post* says the Socialist leaders had done their best to hinder emigration to the Dominions, but if the report becomes popular even they will be unable to stop the rush to Russia.—*Reuter*.

FRANCO-GERMAN TREATY.

NEGOTIATIONS STILL PROCEEDING.

Germans Insist on Most Favoured Nation Treatment.

Paris, February 28.

The French and German representatives have signed the nine month *modus vivendi* tariff, preparatory to ultimate conclusion of a general commercial treaty, negotiations for which have been proceeding for several months, characterised by a series of deadlocks, necessitating frequent return of the German delegates to Berlin. It is believed political factors are to some extent responsible for the difficulties; also the fact that the Germans have insisted on the general most favoured nations treatment, which the French are precluded from granting under the Customs law of 1919, which, however, is circumvented by the limitation of the most favoured nation clauses to specific categories of goods, while certain cases of preferential tariffs will be reached by gradual stages to enable the French industry to acclimatise itself thereto. As regards products in Alsace Lorraine exported to Germany, France temporarily obtains preference, but the question will be re-opened before the conclusion of the treaty.—*Reuter*.

SIKH FANATICS.

FIVE SENTENCED TO DEATH IN CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

Eleven Others To Be Imprisoned for Life.

Lahore, March 1.

The Baber Akali conspiracy case has concluded, five of the accused being sentenced to death, eleven to life imprisonment and thirty-eight to between three years and seven years imprisonment. Thirty-four were acquitted. The Akalis are fanatic Sikhs, who some time ago claimed shrines as endowments, which orthodox Sikhs opposed. A number of priests were murdered on refusing to hand over the temples, and soldiers and police, including British officers, were killed in subsequent bloodshed. When this was suppressed, conspiracies were started involving loss of life. The Baber Akalis carried on anti-British propaganda in Germany and America during wartime. The acquitted were greeted with a chorus from the dock of "Satisklat," meaning "God is immortal."—*Reuter*.

DELHI'S BUDGET.

A SATISFACTORY STATEMENT.

No External Loan.

Delhi, February 28.

In the Assembly, Sir Basil Blackett, in his Budget statement, announced that the surplus for the year was four crores instead of the estimated eighteen lakhs. He said he had budgeted for three and a quarter crores surplus next year. Military expenditure had been 3½ crores less than was expected. The estimate for the coming year was 57½ crores. Added Customs changes had been negligible, consisting of slight reduction in motor spirit and abolition of the import duty on grain. He proposed remission of 2½ crores of Provincial contributions. He had taken one shilling and eight-pence as the exchange rate for the coming year. He stated that twelve crores will be borrowed in India. There will be no external loan.—*Reuter*.

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

REPARATIONS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

French Premier's Statement.

Paris, February 28.

M. Herriot, in the course of a statement before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on the subject of Inter-Allied debts, said the French debt would have to be subject to a reduction equivalent to that which the French claim on Germany had sustained, and an account must be taken of the British claim on Russia, whose lack of assets should not recoil on France. Franco, Italy and Rumania simply refused to pay unless the question of reparations was taken into account.—*Reuter*.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN AMERICA.

FELT ALSO IN CANADA.

New York, March 1.

A two minutes' earthquake shock was experienced here and in the suburbs. The shock was also reported from New Jersey, New England, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

An earthquake shock rocked the city for thirty seconds. A theatre audience rushed to the exits. No damage is reported.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BYE-ELECTION RESULT.

CONSERVATIVE RETAINS WALSHALL.

London, February 28.

The Walshall bye-election resulted as under: Mr. Preston (Conservative) re-elected with 14,793 votes; Dr. Machinara (Liberal) 12,800; Captain Lothian Small (Socialist) 11,610. The vacancy was caused by Mr. Preston's disqualification owing to a technical breach.—*Reuter*.

ARCHDEACON BARNETT.

RETIRING AFTER LONG SERVICE.

An Appreciation.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong by the s.s. *City of Hongkong*, on Wednesday next, are the Venerable Archdeacon Ernest Judd Barnett and Mrs. Barnett. The Archdeacon's health has failed and he is leaving, finally, a sphere of service wherein he has been; for a long period, an outstanding personality. Sincere appreciation of their work will be assured, be felt by the many friends of Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett, and indeed by all who have a sufficient acquaintance with the nature and extent of their endeavours. Their departure will bring a keen sense of loss. Kindly thoughts will follow them with every good wish that in a more congenial climate health may be restored as the assured means to further participation, actively, in forms of service for which Archdeacon Barnett has shown himself to be specially qualified.

It will be in the minds of those who read these lines that the Archdeacon's residence and work in this Colony and afterwards in Canton have contributed expressly, in a marked manner, to the forces that make for enlightenment and reconstruction through Western education of a special type. The conviction is, we think, widely held and is still gaining ground, steadily, that the one hope of the new China lies in new moral and spiritual sanctions which are at present wanting to the national life.

Western Education Movement.

Education in schools and colleges where the Christian ethic is a prominent feature and Christian atmosphere is all pervasive, is, we believe, one of the best ways that lie open to Western friends of China for imparting such sanctions. Archdeacon Barnett first came to reside in Hongkong twenty-three years ago. The movement in Western education for the Chinese was then in its earlier stages. The schools and colleges of this Colony were seen to be doing well their part in leading the way. Already their influence was making itself felt at the chief centres and river ports and other centres of trade. They had come to be recognised as among the forces contributory to the real awakening of China.

It was at this stage in the history of local education that Archdeacon Barnett joined the educational forces of the Colony, bringing with him knowledge and experience which few have been in a position to acquire before commencing great task in a mission field. An M. A. of the University of Melbourne, where he had won distinction in Greek, in Hebrew and in Political Economy, he became curate of Holy Trinity, Row, Victoria, and thereafter, Headmaster of Caulfield Grammar School, Victoria, a post that he occupied for eight years. This was followed by three years as Secretary of the Church Missionary Association in Victoria.

When the need arose for someone to undertake the duties of Warden in St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, then about to be founded, clear indications pointed to Archdeacon Barnett as the right man.

Success of St. Stephen's. It will be within the memory of older residents that the late Sir Kai Ho Kai and Dr. S. W. Tao, were largely concerned with the starting of the College. It was felt by them and by other influ-

ential Chinese that the education needed by well-to-do families for their sons could best be provided under the auspices of a Missionary Society. Their desires were met and their purposes attained mainly through the agency of Archdeacon Barnett, who may be said to have founded the College; and during his Wardenship 1902/1912, to have given the new institution a foremost place which it holds, to-day, among the schools of the Colony. If Archdeacon Barnett had rendered no other service to Missionary enterprise in the Far East, his connection with St. Stephen's College, would alone suffice to keep his memory green as a real pioneer in Christian education.

His successful administration of the College proved a fruitful object lesson. St. Stephen's Girls College was in due time commenced on parallel lines as the outcome of suggestion derived from the working of the Boys' College and has to-day the like promise of success within its own sphere.

As the local secretary of the Church Missionary Society Archdeacon Barnett will leave behind him an enviable reputation for business capacity, discernment, and skill in the conduct of affairs. Foresight and insight, combined with judgment, are endowments that compel admiration even when they do not secure ready acquiescence in views and opinions. When a Missionary Society has no specially trained lay expert on its staff it is fortunate in having a man of Archdeacon Barnett's type to assist in guiding its counsels. The retrospect of much good work done as the Secretary of the C. M. S. in this district is no mean legacy to colleagues who will soon bid farewell to Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett.

The Colony's Loss.

This short article does not aim at comprehensive much less at all inclusive summary. It merely seeks to record certain impressions of one whose relations with the Archdeacon though not of the closest have yet been sufficiently near to afford opportunity for the frequent observation of his varied gifts. Archdeacon Barnett will be sorely missed in Hongkong, where he has been identified with activities in the public interest lying outside the ordinary duties of his clerical office. As the Secretary to the Trustees appointed to deal on behalf of the Government with German Missions' property his business acumen and thoroughness have been seen to advantage in discussions and in correspondence helpful to the objects sought by the Trust.

At Canton, Holy Trinity College, instituted on practically the same lines as St. Stephen's, Hongkong, and now putting on strength for far-reaching usefulness, will be always associated with his name. The Church of Our Saviour in the provincial city will have through the coming years hallowed memories of Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett.

Undertakings carried to fine issues through the work of two spirits finely touched have marked their career. In courage, zeal, and devotion to duty they have been examples to many who have learned to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett will leave in Hongkong and in Canton far more than an honoured name. They have stood together for things that endure and by the character of their work they themselves will be appraised, and the extent of the loss which the two communities are soon to feel will be measured.—*Contributed*.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

BURMA'S PARTICIPATION.

Offer of £10,000 Rejected.

Rangoon, February 28.

The Legislative Council has rejected the recommendation to accept the British Empire Exhibition's offer of £10,000 to secure Burma's participation.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

LATEST SUPREME COURT RULING.

San Francisco, February 28.

A Supreme Court decision holds that the 1911 Japanese-American Treaty is still effective and that thereunder Japanese in California may lease land for residential and commercial purposes.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH.

GAINING STRENGTH DAILY.

London, February 28.

His Majesty's the King is making good progress, gaining strength daily. The weakness, due to influenza, has practically passed. His Majesty is considerably less troubled by bronchitis, but is not yet convalescent. Therefore, a definite date for departure to the Mediterranean has not yet been fixed.—*Reuter*.

HONGKONG TELEPHONES.

(Continued from page 11.)

for some time, and it would be the intention of the new Company to exercise every effort in an endeavour to improve the service without enailing upon the subscribers for a material increase in rates.

The feeling of the meeting generally was that the above was equitable and would be likely to be acceptable to the community of the Colony as it was to the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce then sitting.

Conditional Agreement.

Discussion ensued on the question of the state of the plant, etc. of the present company, proposed to be taken over by the Hongkong company, and ultimately, on the following Resolution having been duly proposed and seconded, it was unanimously resolved by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Telephone Committee:—

"That, subject to further inspection of the cables and conduits to the satisfaction of the Government and to the insertion in the terms of franchise of clauses to safeguard subscribers, the Committee approves the terms for transfer of the present Telephone Company's undertaking to a local Company as set forth in the correspondence between Sir George Gibb and Mr. Taggart."

Matters having thus far been brought to a successful conclusion, a Conditional Agreement was drawn up as between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd., of the one part and Mr. J. H. Taggart (on behalf of the "Hongkong Company") of the other part. This Conditional Agreement has not yet been signed, but on the February 18 Sir George Gibb and Mr. Taggart both signed on two copies thereof that they approved such Conditional Agreement subject to (so far as Sir George Gibb is concerned) the approval of the present company's Directorate and Shareholders and (so far as Mr. Taggart is concerned) the consent of the promoters of the Hongkong Company. A copy of this Conditional Agreement has been submitted to the Government of Hongkong.

Sir George Gibb left the Colony on February 19 and will cable when the approval of his colleagues and shareholders has been obtained, whereupon (provided all else is satisfactory) the new company may proceed to become registered.

The matters above referred to are to be discussed by the Legislative Council of this Colony at an early date and be given the fullest consideration in the interests of the public and of all others concerned, before the Government commits itself to a franchise to the new Company on the basis indicated.

CEYLONESE MERCHANT SURRENDERS.

CHARGES OF CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, February 28.

After an absence of over one year, K. C. Perera, formerly a well-to-do Ceylonese, doing business in the F.M.S. and Singapore, returned to the Colony and surrendered to the Central Police Station yesterday. He was Director of the Seremban General Agency, and a warrant was issued some time ago for his arrest on charges of criminal breach of trust in respect of sixteen thousand dollars, the property of his firm. After leaving Singapore, Perera is alleged to have spent a good deal of time in Africa, after which he went to India, before returning to the Colony. He was charged to-day before the third Magistrate and the case was postponed until March 7, on bail of two thousand dollars. Mr. Knowles has been retained for the defence. Sensational developments are anticipated.

ADMIRALS CONFERENCE.

WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, February 28.

The visiting warships have arrived. The conference, which is expected to last a fortnight, opens on March 3, and is most secret. Commodore Heal represents New Zealand.—*Reuter*.

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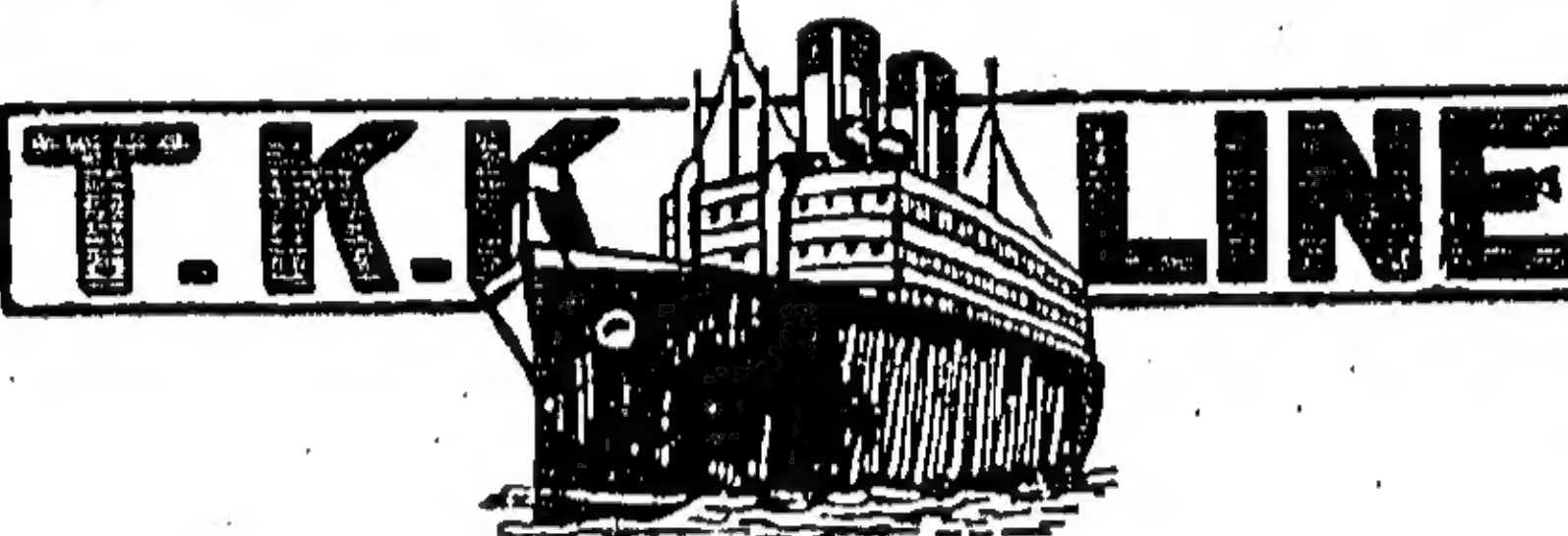
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ent writes:—

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extension of the airship service to
the Far East, to Hongkong in parti-
cular and Australia, Rangoon is
likely to become the Charing
Cross of the air. It is rather
premature to discuss the exten-
sion of the extension of the air
service to Hongkong and
Australia, but it seems
that there is a misapprehension
regarding the part which Madras
and Colombo are likely to play
as links in the chain of the air-
ways.

In establishing aerial com-
munications between England
and India commercial exigencies
point to Singapore as occupying
a tactical position. From Singa-
pore to Broomie is the shortest
distance between the East and
Australia and as there is
already an aeroplane service
between Broomie and Perth it
will probably not be necessary to
extend the airship service beyond
Broomie.

The aeroplane service between
these two places in Australia has
been found to be so satisfactory
that it will not come as a surprise
if the chain of aeroplane services
is extended shortly beyond Perth
linking eventually all the large
towns in the country.

Group Captain Peregrine F. M.
Followes, D. S. C., Director of
Airship Development in the Air
Ministry, who has been in
Calcutta in connection with the
airship service project has left
the city, and he has prepared a
preliminary plan for mooring
masts to be erected at all places
which will be served by airship
including Calcutta.

The British Government will,
however, take no part in the initia-
tion of airship services between
England and India or of erecting
mooring masts in this country
or elsewhere beyond showing
the way to commercial men by
undertaking an experimental
flight. It is for business men in
India to take steps to have
mooring masts erected wherever
exports find them to be necessary.

The future development of air
services in India depends entirely
upon the manner in which the
projects dealing with the erection
of mooring masts are received.
The scheme demanding im-
mediate attention, however, is the
one relating to the establishment
of an aeroplane service between
Calcutta and Rangoon.

U. S. S. HURON.

REPAIRS TO TAKE TEN DAYS.

Manila, February 28.—The
U.S.S. Huron has been drydocked.
An examination showed a number
of plates and rivets had sprung.
It is estimated the damage will
take ten days to repair.—Reuter.

ANOTHER WHISKEY SEIZURE.

BRITISH SCHOONER WITH OVER A THOUSAND CASES.

New London, March 1.—The
constabulary cutter Red Wing is
lowering the two masted British
schooner C. A. Anderson into
providence harbour, where the
crew of nine will be arraigned
for entering United States waters
while bound for a foreign destina-
tion. The Anderson was brought
in here by the destroyer Joutt
after being found under eight
miles south of Montauk Point
with a cargo of 1,070 cases of
whiskey. The master of the
schooner states he was bound for
St. Pierre Miquelon from Lunen-
burg, Nova Scotia, but the vessel
was several miles off its course
when seized.—Reuter's American
Service.

SUPREME COURT PRESENTATION.

REIREMENT OF MR. A. B. SUFFIAD.

An interesting presentation took
place in the Supreme Court on
Saturday, when the colleagues of
Mr. A. B. Suffiad, clerk to the
Chief Justice, took their leave of
him. Mr. Suffiad has been retiring after
a period of 35 years service, and
is to settle in Hongkong. The
presentation took the form of a
gold wristlet watch, suitably in-
scribed.

Mr. T. F. Sullivan made the
presentation, and in so doing, said
that in wishing their colleague
farewell he was expressing the
feeling of all when he said they
felt it to be a serious loss. Mr.
Suffiad had always been ready with
his advice and help for all who
approached him. They were all
gratified that he was not leaving the
Colony and hoped he would live
long to enjoy his most honourably
earned pension. (Applause).

Mr. M. Akbar, clerk to the
Puisne Judge, also spoke of
the high esteem in which their
colleague had been rightly held.

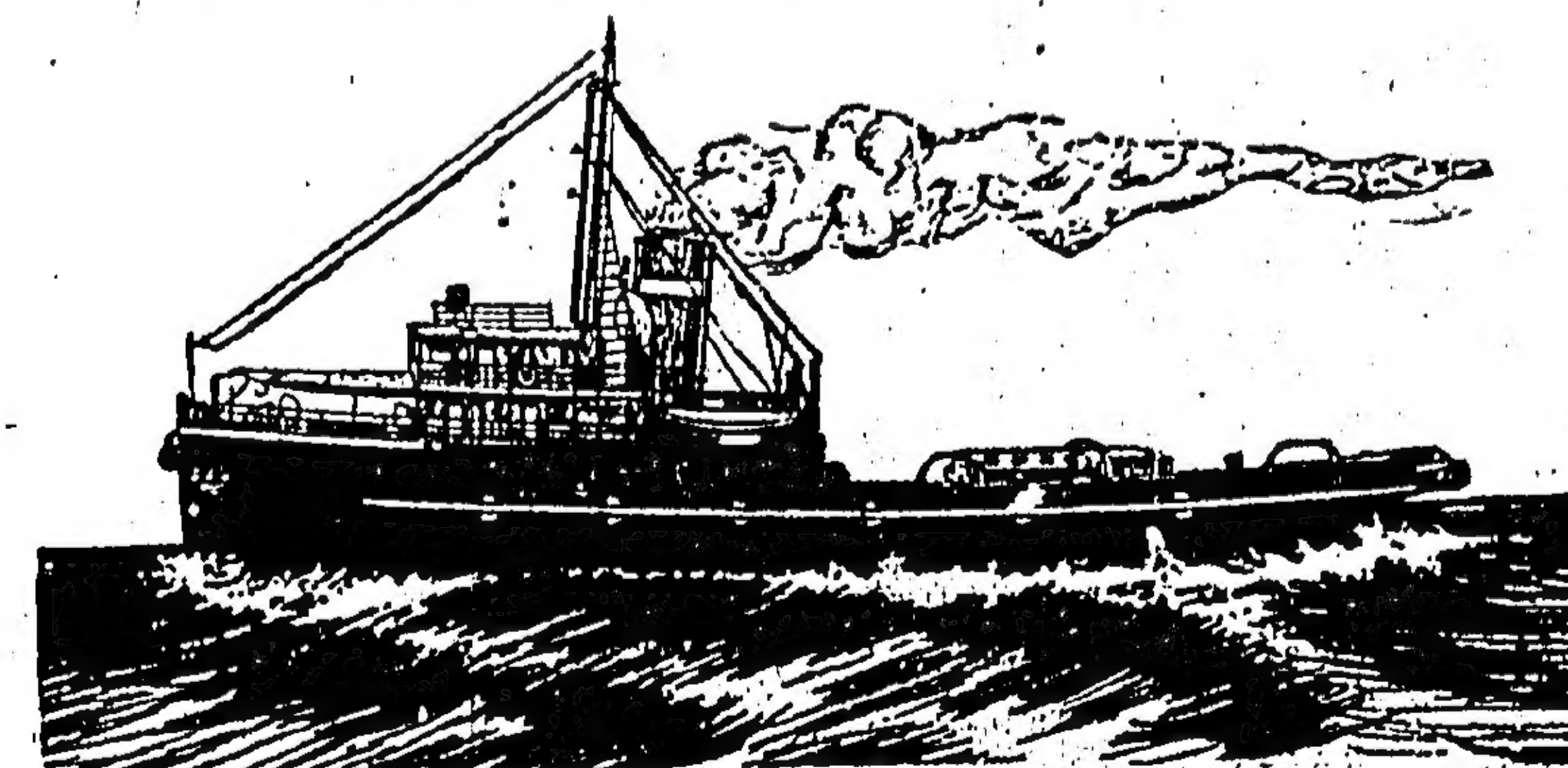
Mr. Suffiad, in replying, said
it was a great honour they had done
him and he thanked them all for
their gift and kind words. He was
glad to find that he had carried out
his duties in such a way as to be
thus honoured on his retirement.
He would keep their gift as a
memento of their friendship and
comradeship. (Applause).

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KOBE via Amoy & Moji	Laisang	Wed. 4th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'IAO via S'tow & S'hai	Tungshing	Fri. 6th Mar. at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Chefoo	Chipsing	Sat. 7th Mar. at noon.
SHANGHAI via S'atow	Kingsing	Sun. 8th Mar. at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Mingsang	Sun. 8th Mar. at 10 a.m.
T'SIN via S'tow & S'hai	Waishing	Wed. 11th Mar. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via S'atow	Yatsing	Fri. 13th Mar. at 7 a.m.
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Many references to the good work being done in the cause of education by the Sacred Heart English School were made on Saturday on the occasion of the opening of its new premises at St. Joseph's Villa. There are four spacious rooms in the new building, which is conveniently adjacent to the existing school in St. Joseph's Terrace. Those present at Saturday's ceremony included the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. J. S. Shak (Headmaster), Mr. K. H. L. B.A. (Inspector of Schools), the Rev. Father Shak, Rev. Father Situ and Rev. Father Paul.

Tea having been served in the old school, the company adjourned to the new premises, where the Headmaster read an address in course of which he stated that their aim was to give a sound education to the rising generation, an object which was brought nearer attainment by the acquisition of the new premises. After speaking further on the school's aims, the Headmaster hoped that in the near future they would be able to secure an even more commodious building, so that they might be able to carry on their work with fewer handicaps. He also alluded to the fact that a boarding department had been established in the new premises for the convenience of those whose homes are not in Hongkong.

The opening ceremony was then performed by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who, in the course of a speech, said the school opened two years ago with 30 boys and the number had now reached nearly 200. That fact alone was sufficient testimony of the fine work done by the school in such a short period. He understood that the Sacred Heart School was entirely staffed by Chinese and he was sure that the staff as well as the Chinese community were proud of that fact.

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SATURDAY'S BRIEF EXCITEMENT.

REPORT OF A PIRACY.

There was considerable excitement in certain quarters on Saturday afternoon, when the story of an alleged piracy got abroad, the ship named being the Chuenchow, which plies between Hongkong and Macao. It turned out afterwards to be a false alarm, but there should be no ridicule of those responsible. Rather should the promptness of measures taken by the Macao authorities be commended. Had it been really a piratical attempt, the desperadoes would have had little chance of getting away.

We learn that the first intimation of the supposed attack on the Chuenchow was received here from Macao in the form of a message reading: "Chuenchow pirated, sailing south Lantau. Our launches following. Please help." Naturally, this caused some stir in the quarters charged with piracy suppression, especially as the ship in question was somewhat overdue as to the hour of arrival, but it steamed in unharmed later in the day, bringing the explanation of all the commotion.

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Sandakan	Mausang	Tues. 3 inst., 10 a.m.	
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		Thurs. 5 inst., 5 p.m.	
		Registration 4.15 p.m.	
		Letters 5 p.m.	
		(Due Vancouver B.C. 23rd March.)	
Manila	Ship sails at daylight on 6th March		
Singapore	Hewey	Thurs. 5 inst., 4 p.m.	
Tungshing		Thurs. 5 inst., 5 p.m.	
Sanning		Thurs. 5 inst., 5.45 p.m.	
Haitong		Fri. 6 inst., noon.	
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		Letters 10 a.m.	
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		Sat. 7 inst.	
		Registration 0.45 a.m.	
		Letters 10.30 a.m.	
		(Due Marseilles 3rd April.)	
Singapore, Amoy & Foochow	Kojo M.	Sun. 8 inst., 0 a.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe, via Marseilles	Patrochus	Tues. 10 inst.	
		Registration 0.45 a.m.	
		Letters 10.30 a.m.	
		(Due Marseilles 7th April.)	
Shanghai & Japan	Hakone M.	Tues. 10 inst., 10.30 a.m.	
Singapore, Amoy & Foochow	Haitong	Tues. 10 inst., noon.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria B.C.	Per J. Jefferson	Parcels noon.	
		Tues. 10 inst.	
		Registration 2.45 p.m.	
		Letters 3.30 p.m.	
		(Due Victoria B.C. 29th March.)	
		(Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Katori M.	Wed. 11 inst.	
		Registration 0.45 a.m.	
		Letters 0.30 a.m.	
		(Due Marseilles 11th April.)	

HOW THE "RUMOUR" AROSE.

Seen by a representative of the Telegraph to-day, Capt. F. W. Jones, master of the Chuenchow, stated that it has been the custom on his ship, for the past eight years, to have occasional target practice, the target being a floating one towed astern, and the firing commencing after passing the beacon of Macao harbour on Saturday morning, so as not to alarm the passengers during the rest of the trip.

Hitherto there has been no unusual development, but at long last this Saturday in question, the wind was blowing in the direction of Macao-Shek, and the sound of the rifles being heard, it was thought to be a piracy. It speaks volumes for the alertness of the Macao au-

thorities, said Capt. Jones, that they acted with such lightning-like promptitude.

Two Portuguese Government launches were immediately sent in chase, and at wireless call broadcast.

The two launches were not very speedy, and two faster ones were later despatched. They were unable to catch up with the Chuenchow, but followed on her course.

On the vessel's arrival in Hongkong harbour the police authorities immediately appeared on the scene to institute enquiries.

Capt. Jones humorously informed our representative that "Until a noiseless gun can be had, the target practice will in future be off Lantau, out of sound of Macao."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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Khan.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 2d. 10h. 55m.—Pressure
has decreased considerably over
N.E. Japan and slightly from the
Loosehoos to the Bonins. It has
increased considerably at Shang-
hai and slightly to moderately
elsewhere.

A well defined anticyclone now
covers China.

Fresh to strong monsoon may
be expected along the S.E. coast
and over the N. China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,
0.00 inch. Total since January
1st, 4.78 inches, against an
average of 3.23 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooks	N. winds, fresh.
H'kong to Gap Rock	fine to cloudy.
South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	
T. F. OLAXTON, Director, Hongkong, March 2.	

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